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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA
BHUP BAHADUR OF
COOCH BEHAR, G.C.I.E., C.B.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 19th August 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

WE have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the administration of the State for the year 1908-09, to which, as usual, the several departmental reports are attached.

2. *Constitution of the Council.*—Your Highness was pleased to appoint, during the year of report, Your Highness' Secretary Babu Priya Nath Ghosh, M.A., as an Additional Ordinary Member, and the Revenue Officer Babu Bhupati Chakravartti, M.A., B.L., as a Member of the State Council, in addition to the existing members. With a view to give effect to Your Highness' long cherished desire to create a separate Legislative Council for the Cooch Behar State, Your Highness was further pleased to decide "that the functions hitherto exercised by the Council as at present constituted, so far as relates to matters legislative, should be performed by the Legislative Council", the constitution of which is as follows:—

(*a*) All the members of the State Council as at present constituted.

(*b*) One member representing the Rajguns.

(*c*) One member representing the Hindu Jotedars and one member representing the Mahomedan Jotedars.

(*d*) One member representing the Bar.

(*e*) One member representing Commerce and Industry.

The five new members are to be called Additional Members and will be appointed by Your Highness, as the time has not yet arrived to introduce the elective form of representation.

Babu Priyanath Datta, M.A., B.L., Civil and Sessions Judge of the State and Judicial Member, State Council, was absent on privilege leave from the 2nd to the 24th of January 1909.

3. *Judicial work of the State Council.*—The Council held 26 meetings on its Judicial side against 31 of the previous year. At two of these meetings Your Highness presided and heard a criminal appeal against an order of the Sessions Judge of the State acquitting an accused person of the charge of murder under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code and the Rules of Cooch Behar. The appeal was presented by the Public Prosecutor under section 417 of the Criminal Procedure Code. The order of the Sessions Judge was confirmed by Your Highness in Council. The follow-

ing statement will shew the work done by the State Council on its Judicial side :—

Nature of cases.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Disposed of.							Pending at the close of the year.	Remarks.
				Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Compromised.	Rejected.	Granted.	Total.		
Civil.												
Regular appeals	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	.....	
Special appeals	1	15	16	2	12	..	1	...	...	15	1	
Miscellaneous appeals ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Motions, etc.	...	5	5	...	...	2	...	3	...	5	.....	
Miscellaneous cases	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	
Rent.												
Special appeals	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	.....	
Revenue.												
Motions, &c.	1	4	5	...	1	1	..	3	...	5	.....	
Miscellaneous Appeals ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	.....	
Criminal.												
Appeals	...	3	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	3	.....	
Motions, &c.	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	1	
Total ...	3	38	41	3	17	3	2	11	1	37	4	

Four cases only remained pending at the close of the year.

4. *Legislative and Executive work of the Council.*—On the Legislative and Executive side, 43 meetings were held against the same number of the previous year, at 12 of which Your Highness presided.

Cooch Behar Act I of 1909, being the Code of Criminal Procedure, was passed into law during the year of report, and two Bills, (1) An Act for the Registration of Births and Deaths in Municipal towns, and (2) the Cooch Behar Tenancy Bill are under consideration of the Legislative Council. The Code of Criminal Procedure is based on the law in force in British India, with some slight modifications to suit the special circumstances of the State. The Cooch Behar Tenancy Bill is a very important measure as it deals with the rights of landlords and tenants; it has been framed after a good deal of consideration and discussion.

5. *Executive work of the Council.*—The work of the Council on the Executive side is divided into three heads :—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—GENERAL.

6. *Leave, retirement and death of officers.*—Babu Bhupati Chakravartti, M.A., B.L., Revenue Officer of the State, who took over charge of the Revenue Department from the Dewan of the State on the 14th of March 1908, was absent on privilege leave for three months with effect from the 9th of September 1908. During his absence Babu Priyanath Datta, M.A., B.L.,

Civil and Sessions Judge of the State, held charge of the office of the Revenue Officer, in addition to his own duties, and was vested with all the powers of that officer.

Babu Hari Das Mukherjee, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar of the State, retired from the service of the State on pension in May 1908, and Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Assistant Civil Judge, was appointed by Your Highness to act as the Fouzdari Ahilkar.

Babu Kedar Nath Majumdar, Superintendent of Works, who accompanied Your Highness to England on special leave, died there on the 9th of September 1908. The *Cooch Behar Gazette, Extraordinary*, of September 14, 1908, issued under Your Highness' orders, expressed Your Highness' regret at the occurrence and appreciation of his long and faithful services. The courts and offices remained closed on the 16th September under Your Highness' orders as a mark of respect for the deceased. Mr. K. C. Nandi, B.A., B.E., A.M.I.M.E., London, was subsequently appointed Superintendent of Works.

7. *Collection of coins of Native States for the Indian Museum and for the Shillong Coin Cabinet.*—The Bengal Government having invited assistance in the matter of collection of coins of Native States for the Cabinet of the Indian Museum, National History Section, Your Highness was pleased to present to the Museum one silver coin of each reign from that of Maharaja Upendra Narayan. Similarly, at the request of the Government of Eastern Bengal and Assam, Your Highness was pleased to present 8 Koch coins representing the reigns of eight Maharajas from the time of Maharaja Nara Narayan (also known as Malla Narayan) to the Cabinet attached to the Government Public Library at Shillong.

8. *Training of Police Officers at Ranchi.*—With a view to promoting greater efficiency among the investigating staff, Your Highness approved of the suggestion made by the Superintendent of the State to send two Police cadets for training to the Ranchi Training College. As, however, there are no Police Officers who have passed the F. A. Examination, which under recent orders of Your Highness is an essential qualification, two outsiders, who have passed that examination, have, under Your Highness' orders, been deputed to Ranchi on a monthly allowance of Rs. 25 each as is the case with cadets from Bengal.

9. *The Cooch Behar Landholders Association.*—An association under this title composed of the landholders of the State has been formed mainly for the consideration of the Cooch Behar Tenancy Bill which is pending in Your Highness' Legislative Council. Your Highness has been pleased to order that no individual holding a State appointment can be permitted to join this Association and to grant the Association 6 months' time to consider the proposed law.

10. *Grant of land for Railway purposes.*—At the request of the Deputy Commissioner of Jalpaiguri, Your Highness was pleased to make a free gift of a plot of land, measuring 12 Bighas 3 Katas 1 Chittak at mile 45 of the southern extension of the Bengal Duars Railway in Talook Dhabalsuti, to the Bengal Duars Railway Company for a brick field on the condition that the land will revert to Your Highness should it cease to be used for the purpose for which it was granted. Your Highness was further pleased, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of the State, to make over a small piece of waste land to the Eastern Bengal State Railway authorities, for making a portion of the proposed diverted cart road at Haldibari Railway Station.

11. *Experimental Cultivation and Manufacture of tobacco.*—The area under tobacco this year has been reduced from 180 to 75 bighas, so that half the lands may be kept fallow each year and the cultivated area suitably manured. Unfortunately the abnormal drought retarded the growth of the plants and injuriously affected the later curings. The earlier curings, however, gave excellent results and the colour of our tobacco was highly praised by two American experts from the Peninsular Tobacco Company, Monghyr.

12. *Revision of the salaries of ministerial officers.*—In paragraph 15 of the Annual Report for 1907-08, we stated that a Committee formed of the Superintendent, the Civil and Sessions Judge and the Revenue Officer of the State had been appointed, under Your Highness' orders, to revise the salaries of the ministerial officers of the State. The Committee held four meetings and their report was received on the 22nd March 1909. The recommendations of the Committee, which Your Highness was pleased to sanction with effect from April 1909, will involve an additional expenditure of Rs. 15,147 during the current year and Rs. 31,668 when the maximum limits of salaries are reached. Relief was thus given to lowly paid officers who had suffered much owing to the rise in prices of food-grains. Canoongoes who are not ministerial officers, and Chaklajat employes who belong to Your Highness' Estates, were not included in the scope of the Committee's recommendations. The Revenue Officer has, under Your Highness' orders, been requested to report on their cases.

13. *Crops and condition of people.*—The rainfall of the year as registered at the Sudder Station was 125·34 inches against 189·81 of the previous year; it fell short of the average of the five previous years by 41·48, and of the fall of 1907-08 by 64·47 inches. Not only was it inadequate but it was unfavourably distributed. The result was that the outturn of the early rice did not exceed 12 annas and that of jute and late rice 9 annas. The yield of tobacco also was poor; it has been estimated at 10 annas. The price of common rice was higher than that of the previous year; it varied from Rs 4-2 to Rs. 6-4. The jute market continued dull, the rate varying from Rs. 5 to Rs. 7-8; the people whose prosperity greatly depends on the good price of this crop are losing confidence in its future and reducing its cultivation as they find it more profitable to cultivate rice. The residents of the tracts where tobacco is extensively grown were fortunate in obtaining good prices for their produce; for a short time only the rate was Rs. 8 but it soon rose and the best tobacco sold for Rs. 20 a maund. The land owning and cultivating classes were, on the whole, well off; but, as in previous years, persons with small fixed incomes felt acutely the high prices of food-grains, and Your Highness has been graciously pleased to grant relief to the ministerial officers of the State and menial servants by increasing their salaries. The health of the people generally was not good; cholera and small-pox raged in parts of the State more or less in an epidemic form.

14. *Maharaja and family.*—Your Highness left Cooch Behar on the 19th of April 1908 for England and returned here on the 4th of January 1909. Your Highness left a Memorandum for the Administration of the State during Your Highness' absence in England, and executed a power-of-attorney in favour of the members then constituting the Council, *viz*, A. W. Dentith, Esq., I.C.S., Superintendent of the State, Rai Calica Doss Dutt, Bahadur, C.I.E., Dewan of the State, and Babu Priyanath Datta, M.A., B.L., Civil and Sessions Judge of the State.

Your Highness was pleased to appoint Maharajkumar Jitendra Narayan an Honorary Magistrate and to invest him with the powers of a Magistrate of the 3rd class.

The annual Pooneah Durbar was held on the 16th of April 1908, and Dewan Rai Calica Doss Dutt, Bahadur, C.I.E., performed the customary Pooneah ceremony in accordance with Your Highness' special orders on the subject.

The help of Government was invoked as regards the proposal to make Woodlands and Colinton impartible appanages of the State. For reasons set forth in their letter No. 3248P, dated the 5th of September 1908, the Bengal Government regretted their inability "to find any practical method of giving effect to the wishes" of Your Highness. Your Highness has expressed a desire that Your Highness will arrange this matter in consultation with Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan.

15. *Allowances, charities and Thakurbaris.*—The total amount disbursed by the Duar Mukhtear during the year in the Household Department on account of allowances to the ladies of the Palace, Rajgurus, Brahmins and others, and of Establishment charges, Contingencies and Donations was Rs. 61,778 against Rs. 75,991 and that in the Debutter Department Rs. 37,470 against Rs. 33,204 of the previous year. The causes to which the above fluctuations are due are given in the Dewan's report. The State Agent in Benares disbursed Rs. 13,277-12-8 against Rs. 13,075 on account of allowances to persons residing in Benares, Puja expenses of Thakurs, establishment charges and up-keep of the State houses. Altogether 43,671 persons, or on an average 119 per diem, received their food in the three Thakurbaris in the town of Cooch Behar. The number of persons fed at the Anandamoyee Dharmashala was 2341. Forty-one boys received education allowances. Of these, 22 were natives of Cooch Behar. At the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary the average daily attendance of patients rose from 40·93 to 49·90 during the year of report.

II.—FINANCIAL.

16. The year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 11,94,000 inclusive of deposits and Government money amounting to Rs. 3,00,601 and closed with a cash balance of Rs. 12,73,137 inclusive of deposits and Government money amounting to Rs. 3,88,955 shewing an increase of Rs. 79,137. This increase is chiefly due to increases of Rs. 1,01,953 under deposits and funds and of Rs. 5,829 under State cash, decreases under Chaklajat Estates amounting to Rs. 15,046 and under Government money to Rs. 13,599.

The details of State cash are given below:—

	At the close of 1907-08. Rs.	At the close of 1908-09. Rs.
Cooch Behar State	7,48,636	7,54,465
Chaklajat	1,44,763	1,29,717
Total	8,93,399	8,84,182

The cash balance of the State thus shows a net decrease of Rs. 9,217.

17. *Revenue.*—From the statement given in the Appendix it will be seen that the total revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 25,00,925 against Rs. 25,04,522 of the previous year, shewing a net decrease of Rs. 3,597, exclusive of the sum of Rs. 77,000 received during the year 1907-08 from Government on account of the sale-proceeds of railway rolling stock, as stated in the last year's report.

The following heads show decreases:—

			Rs.	Rs.
II.	(e.)	Sundries	121	
III.	(a.)	Civil and Sessions Judge's Court ...	286	
IV.	(c.)	Education, Science and Arts	2,754	
V.	(a.)	Darjeeling Estate	2,509	
VI.	(b.)	Chaklajat Estates	60,432	
				66,102

while there have been increases under

I.		Household	2,042	
II.	(a.)	Land-Revenue	6,489	
	(b.)	Stamps	7,615	
	(c.)	Excise	9,094	
	(d.)	Interest on loans	231	
III.	(b.)	Registration	1,231	
IV.	(a.)	Criminal Justice	577	
	(b.)	Jail	2,422	
	(d.)	Public Works Department	1,081	
	(c.)	Sundries	7,593	
V.		Debutter	93	
VI.	(c)	Panga	5,496	
VII.		Cooch Behar State Railway	18,541	
				62,505
		Difference or net decrease ...		3,597

which is chiefly due to short collections in the Chaklajat Estates, the result of partial failure of crops.

18. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 24,64,933 against Rs. 24,93,383 of the year 1907-08, shewing a decrease of Rs. 28,450. The expenditure includes Rs. 5,470, for capital expenditure of the Cooch Behar State Railway and Rs. 50,000 for conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway to metre gauge, against Rs. 94,530 for capital expenditure in the previous year. Exclusive of the Railway capital expenditure and the item of Rs. 50,000 for conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway to metre gauge, the expenditure of the State shews a net increase of Rs. 10,610.

The details of increase and decrease in expenditure are given below:—

Decrease.—

			Rs.	Rs.
I.—HOUSEHOLD :—				
I.—(b)		Rajbari Garden &c.	5,986	
	(c)	Maintenance of Rajguns and education of Maharajkumars.	6,087	
	(d)	Philkhana and Stables	20,926	
	(e)	Band	178	
	(f)	Miscellaneous	36,923	
II.—ADMINISTRATION.—				
	(1)	Control	6,338	
	(3)	Revenue	2,932	
IV.	(a)	Darjeeling Estate	12,640	
	(b)	Chaklajat	258	
		Railway Capital Expenditure	89,060	
				1,61,328
		Deduct increase under—		
I.—(a)		His Highness' Personal expenses ...	11,000	
II.—ADMINISTRATION.—				
	(2)	General	26,652	
	(4)	Law and Justice	2,708	
	(5)	Miscellaneous	49,300	
III.—DEBUTTER			9,804	
IV—(c)		PANGA ESTATE	1,652	
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway Working expenses ...			1,762	
		Conversion	50,000	
				1,52,878
		Difference or net decrease ...		28,450

I. HOUSEHOLD.

The expenditure for Your Highness' personal expenses shews an increase of Rs. 11,000 over that of the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 5,986 shewn under "Rajbari Gardens and Grounds" is not a real saving, as under the orders of Your Highness in Council this provision was transferred to Public Works—Palace.

The decrease of Rs. 6,087 under "Maintenance of Rajguns and Education of Maharajkumars" is also not a real decrease but is due to the amount spent for grant of allowance to Brahmins and others having been transferred from this head to II.—Administration (*b*) Sundries.

Under Philkhana and Stables a decrease of Rs. 20,926 has been shewn by retaining ⅓rd of the total expenditure for the Philkhana for the year of report under "Household," the remaining ⅔rds being transferred to II.—Administration (5) Miscellaneous.

A decrease of Rs. 36,923 has been shewn under (*f*) Miscellaneous. During the year under report a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 was paid to the Children's Fund against Rs. 1,60,013 of the year 1907-08. There have also been decreases due to transfers of some provisions under this head to Medical. On the other hand, an expenditure of Rs. 33,344 under "Unforeseen" has been shewn under this head by transfer from II.—Administration (1) Control, otherwise the amount shewn as a decrease under this head would have been considerably larger.

II. ADMINISTRATION.

Under this head a decrease of Rs. 6,338 only has been shewn as the greater portion of the provision for "Unforeseen" charges was transferred to (*f*) Miscellaneous as stated above, a sum of Rs. 5,000 only being retained in the Council Office Budget.

The increase of Rs. 26,652 under (2) General is due to the payment of leave allowance to Mr. Hammond, a grant for the entertainment of additional staff in the Victoria College, the Jenkins School and the Sub-Divisional Higher Class English Schools under the new Regulations of the Calcutta University, the purchase of raw materials for the Jail and the payment of the salary of Captain Denham White, I.M.S., whose services were transferred to the State.

The increase of Rs. 2,708 under Law and Justice is due to the increase of pay given to peons and buxis.

An increase of Rs. 49,300 has been shewn under II. Administration 5 Miscellaneous. This is mainly due to the transfer of a portion of the expenditure, on account of allowance to Brahmins and others, two-thirds of the expenditure under Philkhana, and purchase and repairs to tents &c., formerly shown under Household, to this head and to the purchase of a silver Sinhashan for Your Highness.

The increase of Rs. 9,804 shewn under Debutter is due to the transfer of a portion of the cost of the Duar Office establishment and of the entire expenditure for establishment charges of the Benares Thakurbari to this head.

19. *Fund for His Highness' children.*—A sum of Rs. 1,00,000 was paid, as stated above, to the fund during the year under report. The total investment in Government and other securities to the credit of this fund amounted to Rs. 7,95,100.

20. *Reserve Fund.*—A sum of Rs. 50,000 was paid to this fund. The total investment of this fund amounted to Rs. 3,04,100.

21. *Darjeeling Estate.*—During the year under report, the receipts amounted to Rs. 65,459 against Rs. 67,968 of the previous year shewing a decrease of Rs. 2,509.

The expenditure was Rs. 25,643 against Rs. 38,283 in 1907-08, shewing a reduction of Rs. 12,640, the net profit to the Estate being Rs. 39,816. A sum of Rs. 2,000 was paid to the Fire Insurance Fund against Rs. 3,000 of the year 1907-08.

22. *Chaklajat Estates.*—The collection of the year under report was Rs. 3,74,365 against Rs. 4,34,797 of the year previous; there was thus a decrease of Rs. 60,432. The decrease is attributed by the Manager to the partial failure of the crops and the fall in the price of jute.

The expenditure of the year was Rs. 2,47,948 or Rs. 258 less than that of the previous year.

The cash balance of the Estates decreased from Rs. 1,44,763 to Rs. 1,29,717 and the remittances to the Cooch Behar Treasury amounted to Rs. 1,36,435 against an estimate of Rs. 1,84,456.

23. *Panga.*—The collections of the Estate amounted to Rs. 29,311 or an increase of Rs. 5,496 as compared with last year's collections; the expenditure amounted to Rs. 26,574 or an increase of Rs. 1,652 over that of the previous year.

24. *Budget Estimates for* 1909-10.—The revenue of the year has been estimated at Rs. 25,35,363 against Rs. 24,74,570 of the year 1908-09 shewing an increase of Rs. 60,793. The expenditure has been put down at Rs. 24,86,087 against Rs. 24,23,776 of the year previous shewing an increase of Rs. 62,311.

A sum of Rs. 5,00,000 has been provided for Your Highness' privy purse. Rs. 85,500 for education to Maharajkumars and Rs. 48,000 for Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan have been provided. A provision of Rs. 38,000 has been made for the Band and Rs. 37,348 for the Philkhana and Stables.

Rupees 1,00,000 has, as usual, been provided for the Children's Fund and Rs. 50,000 for the Reserve Fund.

During the year under report the advance of Rs. 15,000 shewn against Your Highness in 1906 07 has been adjusted. Final orders have not yet been passed regarding the adjustment of the advance of Rs. 15,000 granted by Your Highness to the Indian Industrial Exhibition to which reference was made in the previous annual reports. There was an outstanding advance of Rs. 30,000 shewn against Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan at the close of the year.

A sum of Rs. 20,000 has been provided for Bonus and Grain Compensation Allowance to State Ministerial officers and others.

III.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY & MISCELLANEOUS.

25. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shews the revenue, results and traffic working of the line during the year of report as compared with the previous year:—

		For the year.	
		1907-08.	1908-09.
Gross earnings	Rs.	1,81,220 13 10	1,99,762 0 0
Working expenses	"	80,232 0 0	81,994 0 0
Net earnings	"	1,00,988 13 10	1,17,768 0 0
Percentage of working expenses on gross earnings		44·27	41·04
Percentage of net earnings on Capital Outlay including Suspense ...		6·7	7·7

26. *Capital Expenditure.*—Rs. 5,470 was paid for Railway Capital Expenditure during 1908-09.

27. *Conversion of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—This important matter was referred to in paragraph 30 of last year's report in which we stated that Government Promissory Notes for two lakhs of rupees had been endorsed in favour of the Comptroller General to the Government of India and that Rs. 50,000 had been provided in the budget for 1908-09; this latter amount was paid during the year under report. The work has been commenced by the Eastern Bengal State Railway authorities. It has been decided to provide for the payment of the balance of 1½ lakhs during the year 1909-10, one lakh from the cash balance and Rs. 50,000 from revenue.

28. *Municipalities.*—The statement below shews the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year of report:—

RECEIPTS.

	Cooch Behar.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance on 1st April 1908 ...	5,791	538	1,376	509
State grant	21,090	1,748	2,142	2,086
Other receipts	15,949	5,399	2,188	4,347
Total ...	42,830	7,685	5,706	6,942

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works	10,274	3,786	1,037	3,559
Other expenditure	23,830	3,428	3,884	2,292
Total ...	34,104	7,214	4,921	5,851
Balance on 31st March 1909 ...	8,726	471	785	1,091

29. *Pensions and Allowances.*—Your Highness sanctioned during the year of report pensions and allowances aggregating Rs. 4,176 per annum.

We have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servants,

A. W. DENTITH,
Superintendent of the State, Vice-President.

CALICA DOSS DUTT,
Dewan of the State, Member.

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil and Sessions Judge of the State, Judicial Member.

PRIYA NATH GHOSH,
Secretary to His Highness, Additional Ordinary Member.

BRUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,
Revenue Officer of the State, Member.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household.—	34,563	36,605	2,042	.....
II.—General Revenue.—				
a. Land Revenue	12,80,568	12,87,057	6,489	.....
b. Stamps	1,73,462	1,81,077	7,615	.....
c. Excise.	1,23,282	1,32,376	9,094	.....
d. Interest on Loans	1,076	1,307	231	.....
e. Sundries	10,979	10,858	.....	121
III.—Law and Justice.—				
a. Civil and Sessions Court	724	438	.....	286
b. Registration	10,911	12,142	1,231	.....
IV.—Miscellaneous.				
a. Criminal Justice	6,303	6,880	577	.....
b. Jail	16,225	18,647	2,422	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	14,465	11,711	.....	2,754
d. Public Works...	8,014	9,095	1,081	.....
e. Sundries.	3,846	11,439	7,593	.....
V.—Debutter.	1,12,303	1,12,396	93	.....
VI.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	67,968	65,459	.....	2,509
b. Chaklajat Estates	4,34,797	3,74,365	.....	60,432
c. Panga Estates	23,815	29,311	5,496	.....
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,81,221	1,99,762	18,541	.....
Total ...	25,04,522	25,00,925	.....	3,597
Railway Capital account	77,000	.....	.....	77,000
Grand total ...	25,81,522	25,06,925	.....	80,597

EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household Expenses.—				
a. His Highness' Personal expenses ...	4,89,000	5,00,000	11,000	.....
b. Rajbari garden, &c.	5,986	.....	.....	5,986
Total of strictly Personal expenses ...	4,94,986	5,00,000	5,014	.....
c. Maintenance of Rajgans and education of Maharajkumars.	1,84,409	1,78,322	.....	6,087
d. Philkhana and stables	35,561	14,635	.....	20,926
e. Band	36,210	36,032	.....	178
f. Miscellaneous...	2,04,823	1,67,900	.....	36,923
Total Household expenses ...	9,55,989	8,96,889	.....	59,100
II.—Administration.—				
1. Control	85,348	79,010	.....	6,338
2. General	5,29,363	5,56,015	26,652	.....
3. Revenue	2,00,727	1,97,795	.....	2,932
4. Law and Justice	54,106	56,814	2,708	.....
5. Miscellaneous...	81,517	1,30,817	49,300	.....
III.—Debutter	50,160	59,964	9,804	.....
IV.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	38,283	25,643	.....	12,640
b. Chaklajat Estates	2,48,206	2,47,948	.....	258
c. Panga Estates	24,922	26,574	1,652	.....
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	80 232	81,994	1,762	.....
VI.—Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	23,98,853	24,09,463	10,610	.....
Railway Capital Expenditure	94,530	5,470	.....	89,060
Railway Conversion	.....	50,000	50,000	.....
Total ...	24,93,383	24,64,933	.....	28,450
Surplus ...	88,139	35,992	.....	52,147
Grand total ...	25,81,522	25,00,925	.....	80,597

His Highness' Office, Audit Department.

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COOCH BEHAR

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HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR

IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 24th July 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith the Annual Report for 1908-09 of the Departments of the State under my control. I took charge of these Departments from Mr. E. L. L. Hammond, on the 22nd April 1908.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

2. *Charge.*—Babu Hari Das Mukherjee, M.A., B.L, Fouzdari Ahilkar, was in charge of this Department up to the 31st May 1908 when he retired from the State service and was succeeded by Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., who held charge till the end of the year.

3. *Criminal Statistics.*—The statement below shews the number of cognizable and non-cognizable cases during the past three years:—

	Offences.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1906-07	1597	1779	3376
1907-08	1467	1782	3249
1908-09	1598	1868	3466

The total number of cases reported during the year was 3466 against 3249 of the preceding year, shewing an increase of 217 cases, chiefly under class IV (minor offences against the person) and Municipal cases.

4. *Number of persons brought to trial and percentage of conviction to number of persons tried.*—The following statement gives the number of cases reported and of persons brought to trial, during the past three years and also shews the result of the trials:—

Particulars.	1906-1907.			1907-1908.			1908-1909.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.		Cognizable.	Non-cognizable	Total.
Number of cases reported	1,597	1,779	3,376	1,467	1,782	3,249	1,682	2004	3,686
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,108	1,239	2,347	951	1,307	2,258	1,062	1,271	2,333
Convicted	720	660	1,380	593	669	1,262	686	763	1,449
Released	276	255	531	243	283	526	253	177	430
Otherwise disposed of	54	223	277	73	283	356	73	282	355*
Pending at the end of the year	58	101	159	42	72	114	50	49	99
Percentage of conviction to total number of persons tried.	72·28	72·13	72·21	70·93	70·27	70·58	73·05	81·17	77 11

*This includes acquittals under sections 247, 248, 259, 345 and 494, of Criminal Procedure Code.

The percentage of conviction to total number tried in cognizable and non-cognizable cases has risen from 70·93 and 70·27 to 73·05 and 81·17 respectively.

5. *Abstract of Heinous offences.*—Three cases of murder were reported during the year under report against the same number in the previous year, two from Dinhata and one from Tufangunj. Both the cases from Dinhata ended in acquittal, while in the case from Tufangunj the accused was sentenced to transportation for life. Four cases of culpable homicide not amounting to murder were reported against seven in the preceding year. Two ended in acquittal, one in a fine of Rs. 10 and in the remaining case the four accused were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment by the Sessions Court. There were four cases of dacoity against one of the previous year: two of these were reported in "B" Form true, one ended in the discharge of the accused and one was pending investigation with the Police at the close of the year. There was one case of robbery, which was reported in "C" Form true. 28 cases of kidnapping were reported during the year and one was pending from last year. Of these 17 were dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, four ended in conviction, three in acquittal, two otherwise disposed of and three remained pending.

6. *Appeals.*—There were only 41 appeals. In 30 of these the order of the lower court was confirmed, in four the order was modified, in six the order was reversed and in one case the appeal was rejected.

7. *Result of Sessions trial.*—The table below gives the results of commitment to the Sessions:—

Names of committing officers.	No. of cases.	No of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
1. Babu Raj Krishna Das, Offg. Fouzdari Ahilkar.	1	4	4	...	...	...	100
2. Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	1	1	1	...	...	...	100
Toofangunj.							
3. „ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	3	4	3	1	...	...	75
Dinhata.							
4. „ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Naib Ahilkar	4	10	1	9	...	...	10
Mathabhanga.							
5. „ Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar ...	2	2	1	1	...	...	50
Mekliganj.							
6. „ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar ...	2	6	...	3	...	3	0·00
Total ...	13*	27	10	14	...	3†	41·66

* Of these 13 cases, 3 cases with 6 persons were pending from last year.

† One case with 3 persons was committed at the close of the year and the records reached the Sessions Court on the 1st April 1909.

From the above it will be seen that 13 cases were committed to the Court of Sessions by the different subordinate criminal courts against 22 of the previous year. The percentage of convictions fell from 54·76 to 41·66.

8. *Detention of witnesses.*—The following statement shews the detention of witnesses who appeared before the criminal courts in the State:—

Name and designation of Magistrate.	Number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and not finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
SUDDER.											
Babu Hari Das Mukherji, Fouzdari Ahilkar	190	190	...	...	161	2	7	...	...	..	.
„ Raj KrishnaDas, Offg. Fouzdari Ahilkar	1,251	1,185	62	4	1,148	54	31	19	..	..	.
Total ..	1,441	1,375	62	4	1,324	56	38	19	..		.
„ Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, Naib Ahilkar.	25	16	9	..	10	8	7	.	.	..	...
Rai Chaudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	379	195	164	20	169	75	62	35	18		.
Total ...	404	211	173	20	179	83	69	35	18		
Total of Sudder ..	1,845	1,586	235	24	1,503	139	107	54	18		
SUB-DIVISIONS.											
TOOFANGUNJ.											
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Offg. Naib Ahilkar	582	564	18	..	562	20	...	...	...	...	..
DINHATA.											
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	2,557	1,830	718	9	2,114	341	85	4	4	...	.
MATHABHANGA.											
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar, ...	1,011	875	131	5	883	102	17	4	..	...	.
MEKLIGUNJ.											
„ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar ...	683	564	94	25	592	48	12	6	...	...	.
HALDIBARI.											
Bench Magistrates' Court, ...	168	83	85	...	109	35	24	.	..	...	.
Grand Total ...	6,846*	5,592	1,281	68	5,763	685	245	68	22	...	.

* Including 193 persons of the previous year.

Too many witnesses were detained for more than 3 days in the court of Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi: the results in Tufangunj were good, while the Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata examined almost as many witnesses as the remaining three Sub-divisional officers taken together.

9. *Detention of under-trial prisoners.*—The statement below gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of under-trial prisoners:—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.			
Babu Priya Nath Dutta, Sessions Judge	45	18	33·66
„ Hari Das Mukherjee, Fouzdary Ahilkar	4	2	3·30
„ Raj Krishna Das, Offg. Fouzdary Ahilkar	51	1	10·84
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, (Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar)	39	1	10·42
TOOFANGUNJ.			
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghose, Offg. Naib Ahilkar ...	42	1	12·19
DINHATA.			
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	42	1	2·86
MATHABHANGA.			
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	56	1	16·72
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Babu Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar	58	1	18·96

10. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases :—

Nature of cases.	No. of cases.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off.	Pending.
Maintenance	20	1	1	3	15	...
Right of way	76	3	10	13	40	10
Security to keep the peace under Secs. 106, 107, C. P. C	21	1	4	1	14	1
Under Secs. 109 and 110, C.P.C. ...	11	3	7	.....	.....	1
Total ...	128	8	22	17	69	12

11. *Unnatural deaths.*—One hundred and thirty-five cases of unnatural death were reported during the year against 138 of the previous year as shewn in the statement below :—

Names of Police Station and Out-post.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	By wild beasts.	Fall from building.	Other causes.	Total.
POLICE STATION.							
Kotwali	1	13	1	.....	.....	7	22
Tufangunj	1	10	5	.....	.....	4	20
Dinhata ...	5	16	18	1	.....	7	47
Mathabhanga	2	12	8	.....	1	1	19
Shitalkhuchi O. P. ...	.....	2	6	.....	.....	1	9
Mekligunj	.....	4	2	.....	.....	5	11
Haldibari	.....	2	3	.....	.....	2	7
Total ...	9	59	38	1	1	27	135

12. *Realization of Criminal Fines.*—The results of realizations during each of the last three years are shewn in the table below :—

	YEARS.								
	1906-07.			1907-08			1908-09.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance of the previous year ...	1,292	10	9	1,421	12	9	1,710	9	0
Imposed during the year ...	6,148	12	0	6,331	8	0	7,234	1	0
Total amount to be realised ...	7,441	6	9	7,753	4	9	8,944	10	0
Realised during the year ...	6,019	10	0	6,042	11	9	6,878	14	6
Remitted or written off ...	.....			.....			50	0	0
Balance at the end of the year ...	1,421	12	9	1,710	9	0	2,015	11	6

Of the total outstanding balance of Rs. 2,015-11-6, about Rs. 1,500 is reported to be due from persons who have either got no property which can be sold or are absconding and will prove irrecoverable. If this amount be deducted the result is fairly satisfactory.

13. *Summary of cases for recovery of wives.*—Ninety-six petitions for recovery of wives were filed during the year under report against 77 of the

previous year and two cases were pending from the preceding year: of the 98 cases, 57 cases were struck off. In 29 cases the wives were made over to their husbands and in 10 cases in which the wives denied the marriage, the husbands were referred to the Civil Court. Two cases remained pending at the close of the year. All the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars have been empowered under section 552A of the new Cooch Behar Criminal Procedure Code (Act I of 1909).

14. *Village Chowkidars.*—The number of Village Chowkidars was 1,575 as in the previous year. A summarised statement shewing the financial working of the Chowkidari Fund is given below :—

Name of Sub-division.	TOTAL DEMAND			Amount realized during the year.	Amount remained unrealized on the 31st March	Amount of fines realized	Amount of penalties realized	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total of columns 5 7,8 and 9.
	Total amount of annual fund deductions.	Balance of the previous years	Total.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sudder	1,211 13 3	75 8 6	1,287 5 9	1,236 2 3	51 3 6	28 8 0	5 12 3	82 6 9	1,352 13 3
Toofangunj	791 10 0	25 9 1	817 3 1	793 3 10	23 15 3	46 3 0	14 8 6	25 7 6	879 6 10
Dinhata	1,367 5 0	400 1 9	1,767 6 9	1,545 13 9	221 9 0 *69 9 6 151 15 6	30 4 0	24 1 0		1,600 2 9
Mathabhanga	1,750 5 0	155 4 9	1,905 9 9	1,905 9 9	....	38 10 0	9 0	263 13 3	2,211 10 0
Mekligunj	865 11 0	. .	865 11 0	865 11 0		60 12 0	1 14 9	66 13 3	995 3 0
					296 11 9 *69 9 6				
Total	5,086 12 3	656 7 1	6,643 4 4	6,346 8 7	227 2 3	204 5 0	49 13 6	438 8 9	(a) 7,039 3 10

* Rs 69-9-6 proved irrecoverable and was written off accordingly.

(a) Besides this amount Rs 2 720-4-3 was received in the Cooch Behar Treasury from the Bank of Bengal on account of interest on Government Promissory Notes and credited to the Chowkidari account.

The proposal to raise the pay and the status of the Chowkidars is still under consideration.

15. *Cattle Pounds.*—Three new Cattle Pounds were established during the year; the number of Pounds thus rose to 87.

The gross receipts from these Pounds amounted to Rs. 11,581-3-3 against Rs. 11,755-7-6. Though the number of Cattle Pounds increased during the year yet the receipts fell off by Rs. 174-4-3. The cost of maintenance and establishment inclusive of rewards paid for killing rabid and stray dogs (Rs. 674-14-7 against Rs. 786-15-6 of the previous year) and the contributions paid to different Town Committees amounted to Rs. 6,274-11-3, in all, leaving a net profit to this Fund of Rs. 4,631-9-5.

16. *Weather, Crops and Condition of the people.*—The scanty and unevenly distributed rainfall retarded the cultivation and growth of the paddy crops and the outturn was calculated not to exceed 9 annas for the whole State.

Cases of small-pox and cholera occurred in different parts of the State, 1,533 cases of cholera and 1,120 deaths were reported. Of 601 cases of small-pox 149 proved fatal.

17. *Veterinary Institution and Cattle Disease.*—Only 506 cases of cattle disease and 267 deaths were reported. It is difficult to convince the people of the benefit of an improved system of treatment, though whenever any out-break of cattle disease is reported, the Veterinary Graduate is directed to hold a local investigation.

18 *Remarks.*—The Naib Ahilkars of Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Mekligunj were vested by Your Highness in Council with powers to try summarily the offences mentioned in Section 260, Criminal Procedure Code, from the beginning of the year under review.

19. Statements A and B are appended hereto.

II.—POLICE.

20. *Charge.*—Kumar Gojendra Narayan held charge of the Department throughout the year, except for 19 days when he was on privilege leave and Babu Jati Nath Chatterjee, the Senior Inspector, was in charge.

21. *Cost.*—The budget provision for the year was Rs. 58,435 against Rs. 54,600 in the year before, while the total expenditure was Rs. 56,089 against Rs. 53,312. The cost of the Force employed on purely Police work, prevention and detection of crimes, may be approximately put down at Rs. 19,300 or at about 6·53 pies per head of population during the year against Rs. 17,400 or 5·89 pies per head of the year before. The number of the Police so employed during the year was 138 against 136 of the previous year. The increase in expenditure is due to the increase in the pay of Constables.

22. *Cognizable cases.*—The number of cognizable cases (taken up *suo-motu* by the Police) reported during the year was 875 against 846, shewing an increase of 29 cases only. With 8 cases pending enquiry at the beginning of the year there were 883 cases to be dealt with; of these 197 were sent up in "A" form, 3 were reported in "B" form true, one in "B" false, 191 in "C" true and 101 in "C" false. The Police refused investigation in 137 cases, and 20 cases were pending enquiry at the close of the year. The number of non-first information cases was 233. The percentage of true cases sent up in "A" form was 50·38 against 51·18 of the previous year. The percentage of conviction in Police cognizable cases rose slightly from 70·96 to 73·05.

23. *Proportion of Police to population and crime.*—The following table shews the proportion of Police purely on Police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last two years:—

Year.	Police	Population.	Cognizable crime.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1907-08	136	5,66,973	949	1 to 4168·91	1 to 6·97	1 to 597·44
1908-09	138	5,66,973	1,051	1 to 4166·47	1 to 7·61	1 to 536·46

24. *Proportion of Cognizable Crime to population.*—The table below shews the proportion of cognizable cases reported to population and area in the 5 Sub-divisions of the State:—

Details.		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...		284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population		1,21,609	73,438	1,43,900	1,40,183	87,843	5,66,973
Cognizable Crime.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	48	11	5	16	6	86
	Reported during the year.	521	175	355	344	205	1,600
	Disposed of during the year.	563	181	355	356	206	1,661
	Pending at the end of the year.	6	5	5	4	5	25
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.		1 to 216·00	1 to 419·64	1 to 405·35	1 to 407·50	1 to 428·50	1 to 354·35
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.		1 to ·54	1 to 1·27	1 to ·75	1 to ·97	1 to ·96	1 to ·81

25. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 563. Of these 132 or 23·44 per cent. were declared false owing to mistake of law, facts or otherwise. 16 prosecutions for false cases were instituted and 2 cases were pending with the Magistrate at the beginning of the year, making a total of 18 cases for disposal;

15 of these ended in conviction, 2 in discharge or acquittal and 1 case remained pending at the close of the year. The percentage of conviction was 88·23 against 56·25 of the year before.

26. *Petition cases.*—The petition cases referred to the Police by the Magistrates for investigation were disposed of as follows:—

No. of cases.	Details.	No. of forms.
176	A form	25
	C true	15
	C false	30
	Reported summarily	106
	Total ...	176

27. *Stolen Property.*—The statement below shews the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last 2 years:—

Amount of property stolen.		Amount of property recovered.		Percentage of recovery.	
1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1907-1908.	1908-1909.
Rs. A. P. 14,495 0 0	Rs. A. P. 15,281 0 0	Rs. A. P. 5,051 0 0	Rs. A. P. 6,389 0 0	34·84	41·81

Though the results are slightly better than those of last year, they are not satisfactory.

28. *Remands in Police cases.*—The statement below shews the cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates:—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with section.	Date of final orders.	Date of 'A' forms.	Duration of trial.	Orders.	REMARKS.
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar.	7	No 3 of April 08, P.S. Tufanganj Secs. 143 & 447 I. P. C.	26-8-08	10-4-08	138 days	Convicted.	
Ditto	4	No. 2 of Nov. 08, P. S. Tufangunj Sec. 429. I.P.C.	16-1-09	21-11-08	56 days	Do.	
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterje, Naib Ahilkar.	8	No. 3 of July 08, P. S. Dinhata, Secs. 414 and 411, I.P.C.	8-9-08	29-7-08	41 days	Do.	
Ditto	7	No. 10 of July, 08, P.S. Dinhata, Sec. 379, I.P.C.	29-10-08	21-7-08	100 days	Acquitted.	
Ditto	7	No. 1 of Dec. 08, P. S. Dinhata, Sec. 363, I.P.C.	5-3-09	20-12-08	75 days	Convicted.	
„ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar	8	No. 4 of Sept. 08, P. S. Haldibari, Sec. 324, I.P.C.	11-1-09	26-9-08	107 days	Do.	
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, ditto ..	7	No. 4 of Sept. 08, O. P. Shitalkhuchi Section 324 I.P.C.	1-1-09	5-10-08	68 days	Do.	
Ditto	6	No. 6 of Nov. 08, P. S. Mathabhanga Section 326, I.P.C.	5-3-09	24-11-08	101 days	Do.	
„ Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Offg. Fouzdari Ahilkar.	6	[illegible]	8-12-08	1-10-08	68 days	Do.	

29. *Vagrancy and Bad Character.*—Ten cases were instituted during the year under report; together with one pending at the close of last year there were 11 cases in all for disposal; of these, three ended in acquittal, seven in conviction and one remained pending at the close of the year. There has been much improvement in the working of the Police in connection with this matter, and deserving officers were adequately rewarded.

30. *Arms Act.*—Two hundred and ten licenses for Arms (guns, swords and spears) were issued during the year against 189 in the previous year. Four spears and 1 sword were seized during the year for breaches of the Arms Act.

31. *Investigation by Police Officers.*—The following are the details of investigations held by various Police officers :—

By Inspectors	3
„ Sub-Inspectors...	648
„ Head-constables	18
Refused investigation	137
Total ...	806

The investigations by Head-Constables were held under unavoidable circumstances.

Out of seven cases of murder and culpable homicide investigated during the year, no less than four resulted in acquittal before the Sessions Court. I am inclined to think that these unsatisfactory results are mainly due to careless and perfunctory investigation by the Police. If the suspected person makes a confession very little trouble is taken either to secure evidence corroborating the confession or to ascertain whether the confession is genuine and whether the crime has been brought home to the real culprit. The confession is invariably retracted at the Sessions trial, if not at an earlier stage, and as there is little or no corroborative evidence on the record the case breaks down. Three dacoity cases were investigated during the year but in two cases no trace of the dacoits was found, while in the remaining case the accused were discharged. These results are the reverse of satisfactory and I trust that a great improvement will be manifested by the investigating staff during the current year.

32. *Absconders.*—Four persons absconded during the year under report. There were besides 6 old absconders.

33. *Wandering Criminals.*—The Mekligunj Police arrested two members of a gang of thieves and dacoits, who represented themselves as *Nots* or Karwals, and sent them up for trial under Sections 109 and 110, Criminal Procedure Code, but the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj without going into the facts discharged them as he thought he had no jurisdiction over them. On filing a petition of motion the Fouzdari Ahilkar held that the Naib Ahilkar had jurisdiction and ordered a further enquiry. The men were again put on their trial and were eventually discharged. The matter was subsequently reported to the Council. The Haldibari Police arrested 4 men belonging to the notorious Criminal tribe of Maghiya Domes. One of these 4 men was convicted for bad livelihood.

34. *Rewards and Punishments.*—The table below shews the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last two years :—

RANK.	PUNISHMENTS.										REWARDS.			
	Judicially.				*Departmentally.*									
	1907-1908.		1908-1909.		1907-1908.			1908-1909.			1907-1908.		1908-1909.	
	Indian Penal Code	Cooch Behar Police Act (Act III of 1898.)	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act (Act III of 1898.)	FINED		Dismissed.	FINED.		Dismissed.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
					Number.	Amount.		Number.	Amount					
						Rs.			Rs.			Rs.		Rs.
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	1	8
Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	...	2	22	...	7	49-8	...	20	128	13	95
Head-constables	1	...	...	...	3	5-12	...	4	1-12	...	14	64	10	55-8
Constables	1	3	1(i)	3(ii)	6	9-4	14	14	36	5	18	95	27	140

(i) With rigorous imprisonment.
(ii) One with simple imprisonment and 2 with fine.

Of the above rewards Rs. 21 were awarded in Excise cases, Rs. 5-8 in gambling cases, Rs. 10 for target practice, Rs. 32 for Shooting Camp duty and the balance for good work in connection with cases.

Two constables were dismissed for having been judicially punished and 3 for misconduct and absence without leave.

35. *Drill and Target Practice.*—The men were regularly drilled throughout the year. 20 men were put through target practice and the reward of Rs. 10 together with the Musketry badge was awarded to Constable Abdul Gafur for being the best shot for the year.

36. *Retirement.*—One Sub-Inspector and one Head-Constable retired during the year.

37. *Good Conduct stripes and allowance.*—One hundred and forty-four constables were in possession of good conduct stripes at the close of the year.

38. *Fires.*—Six cases of fire broke out in the town during the year; no serious loss was sustained.

39. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of two Jamadars and 21 Chowkidars and the Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Haldibari towns had 7, 5 and 7 Chowkidars respectively.

40. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Haldibari towns had 100, 27, 32 and 29 street lamps respectively.

41. *Finger Prints.*—Finger impressions of 27 under-trial prisoners and suspects were obtained and sent to the Central Bureaus. In 7 cases only identity was established. Finger prints of 15 ex-convicts were sent for permanent record.

42. *Emigration and Immigration.*—Six hundred and forty-six persons were reported to have emigrated from and 545 immigrated into the State, against 527 and 649 respectively of the previous year.

43. *Training of cadets.*—Two cadets have been sent this year for training to the Government Training College at Ranchi. They went through the prescribed course satisfactorily and on their return were appointed 5th grade Sub-Inspectors. The standard of qualification required for a cadet has been raised with a view to get better men for the Force.

44. *Relation of improved Locomotion to Crime.*—The Superintendent of Police reports that most of the heavy thefts, burglaries and dacoities appear to take place at places conveniently near the different Railway lines that run through the State. It is suspected that most of the offenders are foreigners, chiefly upcountry budmashes, who taking advantage of the improved locomotion offered by the Railways, make themselves scarce with their booty. It thus becomes difficult for the Police to trace the offenders or the stolen property. The station officers have been instructed to keep a vigilant watch over these places, and specially to depute men to different Railway Stations to watch the movements of in-coming and out-going foreigners and suspects. The Cooch Behar Police co-operate with the Government Railway Police in the suppression and detection of crime.

45. Statement C shewing the caste, race and religion of officers and men is given in the appendix.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

46. *Charge of the Jail.*—Babu Hari Das Mukherjee was in charge of the Jail for the first two months of the year and Babu Raj Krishna Das during the remaining months.

47. *Jail Population.*—The admissions to the Jail were 237 against 258 in the previous year. Of the total number of admissions three were lunatics, 14 civil prisoners, 51 under-trials and 169 convicted prisoners.

Of the total Jail population 214 were discharged, of whom 208 were released, four were transferred and two died. There was no escape of prisoners from the Jail during the year. Of the 208 prisoners released, 138 were convicted, 52 under-trials, 13 civil prisoners and five lunatics.

Of the 138 convicts released during the year, 129 were released on expiry of sentence, six on appeal, two under the mark system and one on payment of fine. Four lunatics were transferred to the Berhampur Central Asylum during the year.

48. *Health of Prisoners.*—The health of the prisoners during the year was good. Two prisoners died against one in 1907-08; one of dysentery and another of pthisis.

49. *Employment of Prisoners.*—The industries on which the prisoners were employed were carpentry, grinding wheat, making mustard oil, weaving gunny cloth, making jute string and rope, manufacturing crushed-food, making bamboo work, manufacturing aerated water, breaking stones for road metal, gardening &c. They were also employed in the Jail Dairy and in repairing thatched houses and on ordinary menial duties outside the Jail precincts and extra mural labour. The number employed on manufactures was 17·72 against 16·24 in the preceding year.

50. *Earnings.*—The gross earnings for the year were Rs. 3,448-0-6 against Rs. 3,409-14-6 in the preceding year and the net earnings Rs. 2,394-4-6 against Rs. 2,057-14. The gross cost of the Jail for the year was Rs. 10,290-7-10 against Rs. 10,497-6-11 in the previous year, the average cost of each prisoner Rs. 121-12-8 against Rs. 114-15-6 and the net cost Rs 80-11-9 against Rs. 75-6-5.

The amount paid into the Treasury during the year was Rs. 18,620-15-6 as compared with Rs. 16,215-6 in the previous year. The increase in receipts is ascribed by the Officer in charge of the Jail to the larger sale of aerated water, crushed-food and mustard oil. The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 1,173-1-9 as compared with Rs. 1,050-9-6 in the previous year.

51. A statement shewing the financial result of manufacture of crushed-food and aerated water is given below:—

CRUSHED-FOOD.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sale-proceeds of crushed-food disposed of during the year	11,725	15	9
Amount spent on raw materials	10,939	15	3
Difference or profit ...	786	0	6

ÆRATED WATER.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Capital cost (tools and plant)	707	8	0
2.	Recurring expenses	1,212	1	3
3.	10 per cent. depreciation on capital cost ...	70	12	0
	Total expenditure ...	1,282	13	3
4.	Sale-proceeds	2,225	4	3
	Difference or profit ...	942	7	0

52. *Life convicts at Port Blair.*—During the year under report Rs. 1,404-6-6 was paid to the British Government for the maintenance of 14 life convicts against Rs. 1,200 for the maintenance of 12 convicts in the preceding year.

53. *Re-conviction and under-trial Prisoners.*—Eleven persons with previous convictions were admitted into the Jail against 17 in the preceding year. The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners was 17·18 days against 21·85 days. The longest period of detention in Sessions cases was 45 days against 98 days in the previous year and in cases tried by Magistrates 51 days against 56 days.

54. *Classification of Prisoners.*—The percentages of Hindu and Mahomedan prisoners were 56·80 and 43·19, respectively, whilst the natives of the State formed 79·88 of the Jail population, 20·11 being foreigners. The percentages of juveniles and females were 2·36 and 1·77 respectively.

55. *Conduct of Prisoners.*—The number of prisoners punished during the year was 116 against 106 in the preceding year.

56. *Female Prisoners.*—Three female prisoners were admitted into the Jail against five in the previous year.

57. *Juvenile Offenders.*—The number of juvenile offenders admitted into the Jail was four against seven in the preceding year.

58. *Lock-ups.*—418 prisoners were admitted into the four Lock-ups during the year against 343 in the previous year.

59. *Dieting, Water-supply and Inspection.*—The Civil Surgeon daily examines the articles of food and drinking water of the prisoners. The Jail and Lock-ups were inspected by the Superintendent of the State, the Dewan and the Civil and Sessions Judge during the year.

60. Statements D, E, F, G, H, I and J are given in the Appendix.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

61. Babu Kedar Nath Mazumdar, who was Superintendent of Works for many years, accompanied Your Highness to London where he expired on the 9th September 1908. Babu Surjya Kumar Samanta acted as Superintendent of Works for some months. Mr. K. C. Nundi, District Engineer, Bogra, was afterwards permanently appointed to the post.

I. Ordinary.

62. The original grant for the Public Works Department for the year was Rs. 1,69,279. This was reduced to Rs. 1,62,394 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure was Rs. 1,58,705 against Rs. 1,68,216 in the preceding year.

The total receipts of the year were Rs. 9,130-14-4 against Rs. 8,012-12-5 of the previous year.

63. *Original Works, Civil Buildings.*—The total expenditure on original works was Rs. 68,839 against Rs. 71,740 (including cost of Original Works at Woodlands and Colinton, amounting to Rs. 6,039.) The chief items of expenditure under this head were :—

(*a*) *Additions to the Mathabhanga Higher English School.*—A pucca verandah 48′-9″ × 7′ was added to the east wing of the building.

The central hall was divided into three rooms by two moveable partitions.

5″ brick partitions were provided in place of wooden ones in the east wing.

Partitions in the east wing were re-adjusted and raised to the ceiling.

The cost was Rs. 2,185 against an estimate of Rs. 2,145.

(*b*) *Additions to the Mekligunj Cutchery.*—A room 12′ × 10′ with a verandah 13′-6″ × 6′ was added to the main building for the accommodation of the Nezarat Department at a cost of Rs. 985 against an estimate of Rs. 992.

(c) *Corrugated Iron roofed Bungalow for the Superintendent of Philkhana* — A corrugated iron roofed house 40'-3" × 44'-1" on iron posts, brick pillars brick-nogging walls 5" thick with wooden floor and wooden ceiling was constructed at a cost of Rs. 2,789 against an estimate of Rs. 2,568. The house has been divided into 3 rooms with 2 bath rooms and 2 side rooms, one back verandah and a porch in the front.

(d) *Alterations to the Building for the Supervisor of the Boarding Institution.*—The Khapra roof 32' × 25' was replaced by corrugated iron roofing and the mat walls by lath plaster walls on steel lathing at a cost of Rs. 1,809 against an estimate of Rs. 1,844.

(e) *Corrugated Iron roofed houses for the Subadar Major and Jemadar.*—Two corrugated iron sheds, one 20' × 15' for the Subadar Major and one 18' × 15' for the Jemadar on iron posts with lath plaster walls and boarded floor were constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,940 against an estimate of Rs. 1,863

(f) *Debutter Godown.*—A corrugated iron shed 34' × 12' with brick wall and pucca floor in the compound of the Madan Mohan Thakurbari was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,668 against an estimate of Rs. 1,683.

(g) *Furniture for the Revenue Officer.*—Some articles of furniture for the Revenue Officer were purchased at a cost of Rs. 821 against an estimate of Rs. 1,000.

(h) *Latrine for the Mathabhanga Higher English School.*—A six-seated Horbury's Patent Latrine with pucca platform was provided at a cost of Rs. 382 against an estimate of Rs. 400.

(i) *Roof over entry to the Jail.*—A roof was provided over the space 18'-8" × 18' between the guard's room and store room at the main entrance of the Jail at a cost of Rs. 666 against an estimate of Rs. 674.

(j) *Rajmata's Hospital.*—Of the sum of Rs. 19,977 provided for this work, only Rs. 4,194 were spent in acquiring land and purchase of materials.

(k) *Palace Gate and Fence*—The order for the gate and pillars designed by the late Superintendent of Works, Babu Kedar Nath Majumdar, was placed with Messrs Macfarlane & Co. of Glasgow. Rs. 13,031 were remitted to the firm for supplying the iron gate, railing and posts during the year.

(l) *Strong room and other works in the Palace.*—The Toshakhana first floor in the eastern wing was converted into a strong room by providing iron gratings to doors. Wooden racks were also provided and other petty works were done at a total cost of Rs. 1,020 against an estimate of Rs. 1,000.

(m) *Sanitation Scheme*—To give effect to this scheme, a survey of tanks in the town of Cooch Behar was taken in hand. The cost of the operations was Rs. 344 against an allotment of Rs. 322.

(n) *Servants' quarters at Woodlands.*—To avoid recurrent cost of maintaining unsightly thatched and khapra houses a provision of Rs. 9,550 was made for the construction of one Ranigunj tile shed (for syces quarters) 62' × 11' and for a Pucca building (for servants' quarters) 91' × 21'. The work was completed during the year for Rs. 9,625.

(o) *Extra works at Woodlands.*—Rs. 2,676 were provided in the Revised Budget for certain extra works done at Woodlands during the year. This expenditure was originally charged to Original Works (servants quarters) in 1907-08 as there was no money available under head "Repairs". The necessary adjustment was made during the year under report.

(p) *Diversion of Road in Colinton.*—The old road at Colinton which runs through the Colinton Estate had to be diverted, the original provision being Rs. 2,104. But the actual cost of the work amounted to Rs. 6,235 owing to additional revetment work which had to be done on the requisition of the Darjeeling Municipality. The extra amount was subsequently sanctioned and provided in the Revised Budget.

(q) *Second Storey over Lansdowne.*—A second storey was added to this building at a cost Rs. 6,956 against an estimate of Rs. 5,968.

64. *Original Works, Forest in general.*—The provision under this head was Rs. 1,500 as in the previous year.

65. *Game Reserve.*—For minimising the risk of fire in the forests wide fire lines have been opened in and around the Reserve, guards have been employed to prevent poaching and to watch people who may negligently or wilfully set fire to the jungle. An expenditure of Rs. 7,444 was incurred during the year. This includes the amount spent for the conservation of the forest at Patlakhawa.

66. *Repairs.*—The statement given below shews the expenditure under different heads as compared with that of the two previous years. The total cost of repairs was Rs. 50,799 including Woodlands and Colinton :—

Classification of public buildings	*Expenditure in* 1906-07			*Expenditure in* 1907-08.			*Expenditure in* 1908-09		
	Annual	Petty	Total	Annual	Petty	Total	Annual	Petty.	Total
	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. (a) Palace and connected buildings.	11,380	76	11,456	11,826	182	12,008	11,870	49	11,919
(b) Woodlands. ...	10,448	.....	10,448	16,848	.....	16,848	12,438	.....	12,438
(c) Colinton	43,127	.....	43,127	11,933	.....	11,933	6,673	.....	6,673
II. Private Residences ...	2,775	1,650	4,425	2,217	2,372	4,589	3,666	1,276	4,942
III. Court Houses ...	2,541	895	3,436	608	524	1,132	1,554	882	2,436
IV. Medical	533	338	871	1,308	97	1,405	1,253	488	1,741
V. Educational ...	.....	713	713	1,413	477	1,890	501	325	826
VI. Police and Military ...	263	256	519	463	74	537	502	78	580
VII. Government Offices—Post and Telegraph Offices.	493	.....	493	499	.....	499	629	.....	629
VIII. Public Works ...	2,100	152	2,252	.....	514	514	.....	378	378
IX. Dâk-Bungalows and Rest Houses.	.....	514	514	1,463	65	1,528	502	62	564
X. Religious Ecclesiastical	1,786	19	1,805	1,869	52	1,921	1,728	219	1,947
XI. Jail and Lock-ups ...	879	140	1,019	642	296	938	.....	436	436
XII. Miscellaneous ...	917	743	1,660	983	580	1,563	1,287	414	1,701
XIII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	446	.....	446	832	.....	832	3,589	.....	3,589
Total ...	77,688	5,496	83,184	52,904	5,233	58,137	46,192	4,607	50,799

PALACE AND CONNECTED BUILDINGS.

67. (a) *Cooch Behar Palace and out-houses.*—The principal works done in connection with Palace repairs were :—

(1) His Highness' writing room repainted after replastering with bordering and gilding complete 2278 sft.

(2) Eight pairs of doors altered.

(3) Two sun-sheds opened.

(4) Two openings were closed in front of the dining room.

(5) The throne room in the Toshakhana quarter terraced.

(6) Some rotten beams in the Rajmata's House replaced by 3 iron beams 19 ft. each.

(*b.*) *Woodlands.*—Ordinary repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 12,438.

(*c.*) *Colinton and Prospect House.*—Ordinary repairs done at a cost of Rs. 6,673.

The total cost of repairs to the Civil Buildings &c., was Rs. 31,688 (exclusive of Woodlands and Colinton) against Rs. 29,356 in the preceding year, (including Miscellaneous and Military.)

II.—MISCELLANEOUS—PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.

68. *Tanks and wells in Moffussil.*—The same number of tanks, pucca wells, Ranigunj pipe wells and tube wells as last year were maintained at a cost of Rs. 866 against Rs. 832 in the preceding year.

Fifty tube wells were sunk during the year; 43 on the hire-purchase system and 7 on the requisition of the authorities for the prevention of cholera.

69. *Tools and plant*—Some new tools were purchased at a cost of Rs. 602. The cost of repairs to the tools was Rs. 1,089.

70. *Artisans' School.*—The value of work done during the year was Rs. 12,321-10-9 against Rs. 12,330-14-1 in the preceding year.

71. *State Carts.*—7050 carts worked during the year and 1127 did not work, the bullocks being ill. The cost of maintenace of the carts and bullocks was Rs. 6,487 against Rs. 6,435 in the preceding year.

72. *Contribution Works.*—The work under this head will be found in the statement O appended to this report.

73. The following works were undertaken during the year :—

(*a*) *Bagmara well.*—This well is situated in Talook Bagmara at the 8th mile of the Katamari—Manabari Road. The well has been recently completed. A tablet has been attached to the parapet of the wall to commemorate the memory of the donor's father who met the whole cost of Rs. 421.

(*b*) *Fittings in the Victoria College Laboratory.*—Two draught closets for the Laboratory and many minor instruments were made under the direct supervision of the Professor of Science. The work was begun last year. The expenditure on account of fittings up to date comes up to Rs. 4,470.

(*c*) *Metalling Mathabhanga Town Road.*—The Mathabhanga Town committee paid Rs. 3,067 for metalling roads about 3584 rft. in length in the town. The expenditure incurred on this work during the year was Rs. 1,223 and the total cost up to the end of last year was Rs. 2734. The work is in progress.

(*d*) *Panthasala at Mathabhanga.*—Rs. 4,000 was placed at the disposal of this Department for the construction of a Panthasala at Mathabhanga. The plan is for a Pucca building with corrugated iron roofing and terraced floor overtopped with a coat of cement. There will be a central hall 40′ × 17′ – 8″ with two side rooms measuring 12′ × 16′ each. There will also be kitchens, latrines, a well and a fence round the compound with gates and gate-pillars. The total expenditure up to the end of the year under report was Rs. 1,454.

(*e*) *Corrugated Iron shed in Dewangunj Hât for Jute Godown.*—For the improvement of the Hât the Revenue Department placed Rs. 1,500 at the disposal of the department for erecting a corrugated iron shed to be used as jute godown. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 1,498.

(*f*) *Pucca Culvert over the nullah at Baxirhat.*—Rs. 400 was contributed by the Revenue Officer of the State. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 399.

(*g*) *Pucca well near Bepin Babu's house at Tufangunj.*—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 150. Babu Bepin Behari Sircar paid Rs. 80 and the Revenue Department paid Rs. 80 for this work.

(h) *Pucca well near Sasi Babu's jote at Tufangunj.*—This work has not yet been completed. The expenditure up to date amounts to Rs. 120. The estimated cost will be about Rs. 176, half of which will be paid by Sasi Babu and the other half by the Public Works Department.

(i) *Corrugated Iron roofed house for Mathabhanga Higher English School.*—The building consists of a corrugated iron shed over brick-nogging walls and iron joist posts. The house is 48′ × 20′ divided into 4 class rooms, two 20′ × 12′ and the other two 15′ × 12′ each with a verandah and a small porch. The estimated cost of the building was Rs. 2,101 but the limit of the estimate was exceeded owing to the lath plaster walls being replaced by brick-nogging walls. The work has been completed but final adjustment of account could not be made during the year.

(j) *Eating shed, Mathabhanga.*—Rs. 765 (made up of Rs. 500 paid by the Moharajkumars and Rs. 265 received from savings in the Education Budget) constituted the fund for this work. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 742.

(k) *Additions to Mathabhanga Boarding.*—Rs. 700 was paid by the Secretary to the Mathabhanga Higher English School during the year. The amount of expenditure incurred in collecting materials during the year amounted to Rs. 404; the work is in progress.

(l) *Pucca well at Natabari School compound.*—Rs. 160 was contributed towards the construction of a well in the school compound at Natabari. Only Rs. 57 was spent in the purchase of materials during the year.

III.—Communication Improvement Fund.

74. This fund has now been in existence 16 years. The budget grant for the year was Rs. 54,353. This was raised to Rs. 54,463 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure during the year was Rs. 46,116 against Rs. 75,322-13-7 in the previous year.

The receipts of the year were Rs. 540 against Rs. 619 of the previous year.

75. Statement N hereto appended, will shew the mileages of roads in the State and the cost incurred on them during the year, and Statement M the details of works done.

76. *Original Works.*—The total cost of original works done during the year was Rs. 13,438 against Rs. 23,655 in the previous year and the budget provision of Rs. 19,151.

(a) *Permanent Bridges on Rungpur Road.*—Four large wooden bridges on Rungpur Road are to be replaced by permanent structures. One bridge in the 13th mile (Bara Putimari), 3 spans of 30ft. was constructed during the year at a cost of Rs. 5,175 against an estimate of Rs. 6,008. Three other bridges on the Road will be taken in hand in 1909-10.

(b) *Permanent Bridges on Kakina Road.*—Three wooden bridges in the Kakina Road first portion and one big bridge on the 6th mile became old and rotten and the latter collapsed. It was proposed to replace them by masonry culverts. Two pucca culverts 10ft. and one 3 spans of 12ft. were constructed at a cost of Rs. 3,071 against an estimate of Rs. 2,994.

(c) *Roads and Bridges at Dewangunj (Giria Bridge.*—For easy access to the Dewangunj Hât from the Haldibari side it was proposed to construct an iron pile bridge over the Giria Nuddy having a total length of 80ft. The estimated cost of the work amounts to

Rs. 5,099. Rs. 2,380 were spent in purchasing materials for the work during the year. It was proposed to construct several feeder roads to the hât. The total estimated cost comes to Rs. 3,967. Some earth work was done to the Thanerhat Road during the year at a cost of Rs. 202.

(*d*) *Permanent Bridges on Katamari-Manabari Road.*—Two bridges of 3 spans each with total length of 80′ × 76′, respectively, (one at the 9th and the other at the 12th mile) were constructed at a cost of Rs. 9,474 against an estimate of Rs. 9,511.

(*e*) *Pucca culverts on different roads to replace bamboo and corrugated iron culverts.*—One 6ft. Pucca culvert was constructed at the 5th mile of the Cooch Behar to Sitalkuchi Road at a cost of Rs. 457 against an estimate of Rs. 549. The total cost of these works up to the end of the last year was Rs. 5,477 against an estimate of Rs. 6,049.

77. *Establishment.*—The following establishment was maintained during the year:—

	Rs.
Public Works	23,845
Artisans' School	1,175
Chaklajat	1,012
Woodlands	544
Darjeeling	785
Total ...	27,361

The works done are as follows:—

	Rs.
Public Works	91,459
Communication Improvement Fund	46,116
Chaklajat	8,010
Woodlands	21,518
Darjeeling (P. W. portion only)	19,379
Artisans' School	12,322
Contribution Works	11,161
Total ...	2,09,965

The percentage of expenditure on establishment with reference to total expenditure comes to 13·03 per cent.

IV.—Chaklajat Public Works Department.

78. The total grant for the Chaklajat Estates for the year was Rs. 9,500 and the expenditure Rs. 9,022 against Rs. 9,800, and Rs. 9,179, respectively, in the preceding year.

79. The abstract of works done during the year under report and previous year is given below:—

Items.	Expenditure 1907-1908.	Expenditure 1908-1909.
	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works, Civil buildings ...	4,786	3,754
Repairs	3,465	4,257
Establishment and Contingency ...	928	1,012
Total	9,179	9,023

80. The following original works were done during the year:—

(a). *Corrugated Iron roofed Sub-Cutchery at Bharbery.*—A corrugated iron roofed house 20′ × 14′ on iron posts with lath plaster wall on steel laths and pucca plinth with an out-house was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,086 against an estimate of Rs. 800.

(b). *Corrugated Iron roofed Sub-Cutchery at Titalya.*—A house 20′ × 14′ with one out-house 10′ × 6′ was constructed with corrugated iron roofing, lath plaster wall and pucca floor at a cost of Rs. 853 against an estimate of Rs. 950.

(c). *Thakurghar at Purbabhag.*—An ordinary corrugated iron roofed house 20′ × 12′ on Sal posts with mat wall and mud floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 349 against an estimate of Rs. 350.

(d). *Re-construction of Gopi Nath Bigraha's Ghar.*—The Gopinath Bigraha's Ghar at Boda was burnt down by fire. It was re-constructed at a cost of Rs. 65.

The total expenditure on original works was Rs. 3,754 against Rs. 4,786 of the previous year and that on repairs Rs. 4,257 against Rs. 3,465.

81. The statements K, L, M, N, O and P shewing details of works done during the year by this department are given in the appendix.

V.—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education.

82. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt, Inspector of Schools, was in charge of this Department throughout the year.

83. *General Summary.*—The Educational history of the year ending on 31st March 1909 was rendered important by the promulgation of the new Regulations of the Calcutta University which necessitated the raising of the Higher English Schools in the State to a higher level of efficiency in order to secure and maintain their affiliation to the University. For a thorough re-organisation of these schools, great efforts had to be made during the year by the aid of liberal grants from the State and the development of local resources, to strengthen the teaching staff and take effective measures for preventing constant changes in it, and to improve the general condition and the sanitary arrangements of the school buildings by providing separate accommodation for the Vernacular Departments, by enlarging their class rooms, and also by securing a supply of good drinking water for the pupils. The Boarding Institutions, attached to these schools, were rebuilt on approved plans and are now quite healthy and commodious. The system of annual prize distributions has been inaugurated and a regular grant for this purpose allotted in the Budget. Last, though not least, many useful additions were made during the year to the school libraries and the stock of educational appliances and furniture has been carefully improved. Considerable additional expenditure, in consequence, was entailed both on the State and on the public. The direct recurring charges on these institutions were raised during the year by about Rs. 4,000, the capital charges amounting to about Rs. 10,000. The University Inspector, who scrutinized their condition narrowly prior to the submission of his report to the Syndicate, appeared generally satisfied with these schools. The system of middle class education also was carefully fostered during the past 12 months, and the cause of organised Primary Instruction received its due share of stimulus. But the past was an unfortunate year for the people of the State and consequently for the Educational officers who worked for them. The rainfall was insufficient, and very great sickness inevitably followed, as malarial fever was rife all through the year and cholera and small-pox carried off a large number of Your Highness' subjects during the latter part of the cold weather. The price of jute, which brings ready money to the ryots, was low but the price of food stuffs continued abnormally high. It is, therefore, not surprising that almost all the schools in the State were injuriously affected by this combination of untoward circumstances.

84. The comparative table below summarises the result of the last two years' working :—

CLASS.	1907-1908. No. of Institutions.	1907-1908. No. of pupils on 31st March 1908.	1907-1908. Average daily attendance.	1908-1909. No. of Institutions.	1908-1909. No. of pupils on 31st March 1909.	1908-1909. Average daily attendance.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1907-1908. From the State. Rs. A. P.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1907-1908. From fees and subscriptions. Rs. A. P.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1907-1908. TOTAL. Rs. A. P.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1908-1909. From the State. Rs. A. P.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1908-1909. From fees and subscription. Rs. A. P.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1908-1909. TOTAL. Rs. A. P.
I.—*State Institutions*—												
Middle Class Vernacular	12	918	590	13	936	604	3,251 2 6	1,829 3 3	5,080 5 9	4,273 6 0	1,902 0 3	6,175 6 3
TOTAL ...	12	918	590	13	936	604	3,251 2 6	1,829 3 3	5,080 5 9	4,273 6 0	1,902 0 0	6,175 6 3
II.—*Grant-in-aid Schools*—												
Higher Class English ...	3	526	375	3	508	368	5,016 7 0	6,346 5 8	11,362 12 8	7,474 7 0	7,206 11 6	14,681 2 6
Middle Class English ..	12	511	321	10	502	315	3,189 4 7	3,512 15 1	6,702 3 8	3,128 0 0	3,325 6 0	6,453 6 0
Ditto Vernacular.	14	706	407	14	719	412	2,263 8 0	2,340 10 8	4,604 2 8	1,511 0 0	1,560 3 2	3,071 3 2
TOTAL ...	29	1,743	1,102	27	1,729	1,095	10,469 3 7	12,199 15 5	22,669 3 0	12,113 7 0	12,092 4 8	24,205 11 8
III.—*Primary Schools*—												
Upper Primary ...	32	1,322	925	31	1,301	917	2,188 0 0	1,869 3 6	4,057 3 6	2,056 8 0	1,925 6 0	3,981 14 0
Lower Primary ...	133	4,648	3,171	131	4,590	3,204	4,579 8 0	5,667 8 0	10,247 0 0	4,448 0 0	5,233 2 0	9,681 2 0
Night Schools ...	11	2 4	143	10	180	117	256 0 0	56 0 0	312 0 0	242 0 0	53 8 0	295 8 0
Girls' Schools ...	4	88	56	4	85	52	78 0 0	.. ..	78 0 0	102 0 0	18 0 0	120 0 0
TOTAL ...	180	6,262	4,295	176	6,156	4,290	7,101 8 0	7,592 11 6	14,694 3 6	6,848 8 0	7,230 0 0	14,078 8 0
IV.—*Private Schools*—												
Middle Class English ...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 0 0	150 0 0
Middle Class Vernacular.	.....	.....	.....	1	22	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 11 0	16 11 0
Upper Primary ...	1	20	17	3	81	68	.....	19 0 0	19 0 0	.....	164 8 0	164 8 0
Lower Primary ...	65	2,174	1,615	67	2,195	1,563	.....	2,679 8 0	2,679 8 0	.....	2,589 8 0	2,589 8 0
Night Schools ...	21	357	209	21	312	206	.....	193 0 0	193 0 0	.....	353 12 0	353 12 0
Girls' Schools ...	5	52	39	7	75	51	.....	41 0 0	41 0 0	.....	80 0 0	80 0 0
Muktabs	5	132	89	5	103	85	.....	312 0 0	312 0 0	.....	240 0 0	240 0 0
TOTAL ...	97	2,735	1,969	105	2,788	1,989	.....	3,244 8 0	3,244 8 0	.....	3,594 7 0	3,594 7 0
GRAND TOTAL ...	318	11,658	7,956	321	11,609	7,978	20,821 14 1	24,866 6 2	45,688 4 3	23,235 5 0	24,818 11 11	48,054 0 11

From the foregoing statement it will be seen that on the 31st March, 1909, there were 321 Primary and Secondary Schools in the State with a strength and an average daily attendance of 11,609 and 7,978 against 318, 11,658 and 7,956 respectively, in 1907-08.

The number of schools increased last year by 3, the nominal roll call fell by 49, while the average daily attendance improved by 22. Considering the fact that the figures for the Sunity College, which educated over 185 girls, are excluded from the present returns, the figures noted above are not unsatisfactory.

The number of Model Schools was increased from 12 to 13.

85. *Progress of Education as judged by the results of the Public Examinations.*—The comparative statement below shews the results of the several classes of schools in the different public examinations in 1907-08 and 1908-09.

Class of Examination.	1907-1908.						1908-1909.					
	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.				No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
University Entrance ..	3	13	1	2	5	8	3	33	2	17	3	22
Middle English	10	29	6	5	3	14	9	23	6	3	3*	12
Middle Vernacular ...	26	57	4	21	...	25	27	60	11	19	1	31
Ditto, Female	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Primary	56	155	3	21	26	50	69	189	9	30	17	56
Ditto, Female ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	5	...	...	5
Lower Primary	190	494	177	112	...	289	190	455	243	111	...	354
Ditto, Female ...	9	19	7	6	.	13	10	22	18	3	...	21
Sanskrit	5	5	...	...	*1	1	5	8	...	...	1†	1
Total	299	772	198	167	35	400	314	795	294	183	25	502

* 2 only in English.

† No division for this.

86. To the last Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University the three Sub-divisional Higher English Schools sent up 33 candidates of whom 22 came out successful, against 13 of the year preceding of whom 8 passed. Two of the successful candidates were placed in the First Division, 17 in the Second and three in the Third. Five of the successful candidates were Natives of the State.

In the competitive examinations for the Middle and the Upper Primary scholarships, the Cooch Behar schools passed 12 Middle English, 31 Middle Vernacular and 61 Upper Primary scholars, against 14 Middle English, 25 Middle Vernacular and 50 Upper Primary scholars of the year preceding. 73 per cent. of the successful candidates, and 72·7 of those that won scholarships, were Natives of the State.

From the Female schools five candidates appeared in the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination and they all came out successful in the First Division, three of them securing the first three places in the list of successful candidates—a very satisfactory result.

In the Lower Primary Examination, conducted by Local Boards of Examiners, 375 passed against 302 of the year before. Of the successful candidates, 261 were placed in the First Division and 114 in the Second. Over 94 per cent. of the successful candidates and 87 per cent. of those that got scholarships were Natives of the State.

In the Lower Primary Examination 21 girls passed from the Female schools, 18 of these were placed in the First Division and three in the second, against a total of 13 of the year preceding.

From the Sanskrit Toles eight candidates appeared and of them one was recommended by the Examiners for the Temple Scholarship and the other seven for prizes.

These results, as a whole, show a distinct improvement on the results of the preceding year: more boys passed in the first division and the girl candidates did so well, (23 out of 27 competitors being placed in the First Division,) that it becomes all the more regrettable that female education is not more popular in the State.

87. *Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—Last year closed with 508 pupils on the rolls, the average daily attendance being 368. The corresponding numbers in the preceding year were 526 and 375 respectively.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 14,681-2-6 of which the State paid Rs. 7,474-7, the contributions from local sources amounting to Rs. 7,206-11-6. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 11,362-12-8, Rs. 5,016-7 and Rs. 6,346-5-8 respectively. It will thus be seen that there was an increase of Rs. 2,458 in the State's share of expenditure and of Rs. 860 in that borne from local funds. This increase was mainly due to additional outlay in establishment charges of the schools and the Boarding Institutions. The staff of teachers in these Higher English Schools is uniform and fairly strong. In pursuance of the University Regulations, Managing Committees have been appointed for the discussion of all matters connected with the management of these schools. The committees were strengthened during the year by the addition to their members of one more graduate, one Mahomedan Jotedar and one merchant. They discussed all matters carefully before submitting their resolutions to me for final orders. At Mathabhanga a new building for the Vernacular Department of the School has been completed in the year under report, and a pucca verandah added to the eastern wing of the existing building. It is proposed in the current year to provide additional accommodation of the Dinhata School, and to rebuild and enlarge the Mekligunj School.

Great relief was afforded to the finances of the Higher English Schools by Your Highness sanctioning the buildings being taken on the list of State buildings and repairs being executed annually by the Public Works Department.

During the year a sum of Rs. 100 was sanctioned to supplement the amounts collected locally, to provide prizes for deserving pupils. Drilling continued to be systematically taught under the supervision of competent drill instructors.

88. *Boarding Institutions.*—The boarding houses attached to these Higher English Schools received very careful attention during the year. New additional houses were constructed at Mathabhanga and the State contribution was raised to Rs. 500 per annum. The Boarding Institution at Mekligunj was re-constructed on entirely new lines and removed to a healthier site close to the School at a cost of nearly Rs. 6,000. The Dinhata Boarding houses which were completed in the preceding year were maintained in good condition but though there is accommodation for 12 Hindu and 12 Mahomedan inmates, only 7 Hindu students have as yet availed themselves of the facilities afforded for the prosecution of their studies under the most favorable conditions.

89. *Middle English Schools.*—The number of Middle English Schools in the State remained the same as in the previous year, *i.e.*, 11. Of these 10 were aided and one unaided. During the year under report the Par Mekligunj Middle English School was made a Model School in view of the good services rendered for the last 45 years by Munshi Ainuddin Chowdhury as Secretary and the English Department of the Junglebosh Model School was reduced to the unaided class, to ensure better attendance and more local subscription.

90. The number of pupils on the rolls of the 11 Middle English Schools in the State was 502 on the 31st of March last, of whom 315 attended daily on average. The corresponding figures for the 11 Middle English Schools in the preceding year were 511 and 320 respectively. A perceptible accession in the strength and attendance of almost all the schools took place last year and the average strength of each school improved from 42·5 to 45·6. The Tufangunj

Sub-Divisional School with a strength of 74 and the Haldibari Middle English School with a strength of 87 were the best and strongest institutions of the class.

91. The total expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 6,603-6, of which the State contributed Rs. 3,128 and Rs. 3,475-6 were met from the local sources. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 6,702-3-8, Rs. 3,189-4-7 and Rs. 3,512-15-1, shewing a decrease in the total expenditure of Rs. 98-13-8. The additional staff maintained during the year for the Tufangunj Middle English School and the English Department of the Sudder Model School would have caused an increase in the expenditure on these schools, but for the abolition of the English classes at Par Mekligunj and Junglebosh.

92. The Middle English Schools in the State sent up last year 23 candidates to the Middle English, eight to the Middle Vernacular and 22 to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination. Of this total number of 53, 23 or 43·3 per cent. came out successful, 11 in the First Division, eight in the Second, and four in the Third.

93. The financial condition of these schools was satisfactory. The schools at Tufangunj, Gobrachhora, Haldibari and the Sudder Model School have each a funded capital of their own, invested in the Post Office Savings Bank.

94. *State Model Schools.*—The number of these schools was, with Your Highness' sanction, raised from 12 to 13. There were 936 pupils on the rolls with a daily attendance and a monthly average of 604 and 855 respectively. The corresponding figures in the previous year were 918, 590 and 820.

The expenditure on these Model Schools amounted last year to Rs. 6,175-6-3 of which Rs. 4,273-6 was met from the State and Rs. 1,902-0-3 from fees and fines.

To the last Middle and Upper Primary Scholarship Examinations the Model Schools sent up 89 candidates of whom 37 passed against 14 of the previous year—a satisfactory result.

95. *Middle Vernacular Schools.*—Of the 14 Middle Vernacular Schools shewn last year the Sunity College was, under Your Highness' order, placed under the control of a separate Managing Committee, while the Lower Primary School at Shaheber Hât was, on the representation of the people, raised to the status of a Middle Vernacular School. Thus the number of aided Middle Vernacular Schools continued to be 14 as in the preceding year: there was also one unaided Middle Vernacular School.

These had a nominal roll of 741 pupils and an average daily attendance of 428 against 706 and 407 in the previous year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 3,087-14-2 of which Rs. 1,511 was paid from the State and Rs 1,576-14-2 was met from local sources, against an expenditure in the preceding year of Rs. 4,604-2-8, of which Rs. 2,263-8 was paid by the State and Rs. 2,340-10-8 from local sources. The exclusion of the expenditure on the Sunity College mainly accounts for this decline.

These Middle Vernacular Schools sent up 9 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 21 to the Upper Primary and 7 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations and of these 15 only passed. In the preceding year 35 appeared of whom 20 passed. The present results are moderate.

96. *Special Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 2 special schools, *viz.*, the Nagri School for up-country boys and the Persian School for Mahomedans. These had a nominal roll of 54 pupils with an average daily attendance of 41 against 50 and 36 of the preceding year.

At the last Lower Primary Examination the Nagri School sent up 4 candidates and they were examined in the text books prescribed for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination of the Patna Division and all passed in the First Division. The result was very satisfactory.

The Persian School had a nominal roll of 24 pupils against 20 of the previous year. There are also seven Muktabs in the interior of the State with a strength and average daily attendance of 184 and 127 respectively.

During the last Lower Primary Examination, the boys of the Persian School were examined by the Moulvie of the Jenkins School. Of the 24 boys on the roll, 6 were absent during the examination. Of the remaining 18 who appeared at the examination 16 passed, 9 being placed in the First Division.

97. *Upper Primary Schools.*—Last year closed with 34 Upper Primary Schools in the State, of which 31 were aided and three unaided, the corresponding figures for the preceding year being 33, 32 and one. At the annual re-distribution, one good Lower Primary School was raised to the status of an Upper Primary School, while two Upper Primary schools were, for indifferent progress, reduced to the Lower Primary class. This reduced the total number of aided Upper Primary schools from 32 to 31. Against this, two more Upper Primary schools were opened anew during the year and the total number of institutions of this class was thus increased by one.

These 34 Upper Primary Schools had, last year, a strength of 1,382 pupils, of whom 985 attended daily on an average against a strength and an attendance of 1,342 and 942 for 33 schools in the year preceding.

The expenditure on the 34 Upper Primary Schools amounted last year to Rs. 4,146-6-0 of which Rs. 2,056-8-0 was paid from the State and Rs. 2,089-14 met from local sources against Rs. 2,188 and Rs. 1,888-3-6, respectively, of the year preceding.

To the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination, the Cooch Behar schools sent up 194 candidates in September last. Of these, 101 came from the Middle Schools and 93 from the Primary ones. 61 candidates, or 31 per cent. came out successful against 50 or 30 per cent. of the year preceding. These results are not good.

98. *Lower Primary Schools.*—Last year closed with 6,785 pupils on the rolls of the 198 Lower Primary schools in the State, the average daily attendance being 4,767. The corresponding numbers in the preceding year were 6,822 and 4,786. The average strength and attendance of each Pathshala were 34·26 and 24·07 against 34·45 and 24·17 of the previous twelve months.

The total expenditure amounted last year to Rs. 12,270-10, of which the State paid Rs 4,448 and Rs. 7,822-10 was met from local sources. In the preceding year the State's share of the expenditure was Rs. 4,579-8 and contribution from other sources, Rs. 8,347.

One hundred and six candidates were sent up from 200 schools to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination last year against 513 candidates from 198 schools in the year preceding. Of the 452 candidates that were actually examined, 375 came out successful, 261 in the First Division and 114 in the Second. In the preceding year 302 passed out of 465 actually examined. The present results are very satisfactory.

The Superintendents of the Examination at the different centres distributed the sum of Rs. 440 that was allotted as rewards to the Gurus and their pupils on the results of this examination. The system of thus encouraging successful Gurus and their pupils is, I am glad to say, is considerably raising the level of Primary Education in the State.

During my cold weather tours I endeavour to inspect as many pathsalas as possible at convenient centres: boys are examined and drilled in the presence of Gurus and students of the neighbouring schools and a spirit of healthy emulation is thus encouraged.

99. *The Night Schools.*—At the end of the year under report there were 31 Night Schools in the State against 32 in the preceding year. Of these 10 were aided and 21 unaided. The number of unaided Night Schools has remained the same, but the grant of one inefficient aided Night School was, at the time of re-distribution, transferred to a good Pathshala.

There were 492 pupils on the rolls of the 31 Night Schools in the State against 561 of the 32 Night Schools in the preceding year and the average daily attendance of pupils was 323 against 352.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 649-4 of which Rs. 242 was contributed by the State against Rs. 407-4 paid by the pupils both for the remuneration of the Gurus and charge for light. The abolition of one aided school of this class reduced the amount of the annual State contribution.

During the year under report the Night Schools sent up 53 candidates to the last Lower Primary Examination of whom 45 came out successful, 37 in the First Division and eight in the Second. In the preceding year 35 passed out of 44. The present results are very satisfactory.

100. *Girls' Schools.*—Last year closed with 11 Lower Primary girls' schools in the State against nine of the preceding year. The number of aided Lower Primary girls' schools, four, remained unchanged but the unaided ones rose from five to seven. Omitting the Sunity College, which is no longer included in the departmental returns, the total number of Institutions for the special education of girls was last year 14, including the girls' schools in the Sub-divisions, which are included in the returns of Upper Primary schools, being maintained with grants assigned for such schools.

On the 31st March last there were 160 pupils on the rolls of the Lower Primary girls' schools in the State, of whom 103 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 140 and 95. With the increase of two in the number of institutions both the strength and attendance of these schools have risen. The total number of girls under instruction in the State, exclusive of those borne on the rolls of the Sunity College, was 292 against 431 of the preceding year. (The Sunity College had 135 pupils on its rolls on the 31st of March last.)

The expenditure on the Lower Primary girls' schools amounted last year to Rs 200, Rs. 102 from the State and Rs. 98 from local subscriptions.

Five girls, all the candidates sent up, passed the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination and 21 out of 22 came out successful in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. On the results of the examinations one Upper Primary and three Lower Primary Scholarships were awarded to the girls in general competition with the boys, there being no special scholarship for the girls. These results are very satisfactory.

101. *Expenditure on Primary and Secondary Education.*—The total expenditure incurred during the year on the Primary and the Secondary schools in the State was Rs. 48,054-0-11 of which the State paid Rs. 23,235-5, contributions from local sources amounting to Rs. 24,818-11-11. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were Rs. 45,688-4-3, Rs. 20,821-14-1 and Rs. 24,866-6-2. The increase in the State's share of the expenditure was mainly due to the additional grant sanctioned during the year for the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools and the attached Boarding Institutions.

102. The charges for inspection and control amounted to Rs. 7,673-3-2 last year against Rs. 6,471-6-3 in the year before, shewing an increase of Rs 1,201-12-11.

The miscellaneous charges and those for scholarships and rewards amounted last year to Rs. 8,719-4-1 against Rs. 3,167-12-10, shewing an increase of Rs 5,551-7-3, chiefly owing to expenditure sanctioned during the year for the school buildings and the houses of the Boarding Institutions of the three Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.

103. A summary of all the sub-heads shew that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during the year under report, was Rs. 39,627-12-3.

104. During the year the University Inspector, Babu Brajendra Nath Seal, M.A., inspected the three Higher English Schools and some mofussil schools. He concludes his report with the following remarks:—

"I cannot close this Report without paying a warm tribute of admiration to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur's munificent patronage of education in all its forms and grades. On every side, and at every turn in the mofussil, one meets with evidences of the solicitude of the State for the advancement of education in the interior; the liberal encouragement and judicious stimulation of local or indigenous effort, the paternal care of the administration for the comfortable housing of the pupils, the beneficent institution of a Provident Fund in favour of the Masters; all marks of an enlightened and generous educational policy of which it will suffice to say that it is worthy of Cooch Behar's Prince".

105. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt, Inspector of Schools, carried out his duties with his customary enthusiasm and was of great assistance to me in the administration of the Department and the Deputy Inspector, Sub-Inspectors, and Circle Pandit also worked to my satisfaction.

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106. *Number on the Rolls.*—The average monthly number of students on the rolls was 124 during the year under report against 188·5 in the preceding year. The number on the 31st March 1909 was 112 (including one private student) against 178 on the corresponding date in the preceding year. The decrease in the number of students was due to the reasons given in the report for 1907-08.

During the year 71 students were admitted into the 1st and 3rd year classes as against 62 into those classes in the preceding year. In 1907-08 70 students were admitted into the 2nd and 4th year classes (nearly all 'failed' students) whereas in 1908-09 there was no case of admission into those classes owing to the intercalated Supplementary Examination.

The largest number on the roll during the year (reached in July 1908) was 12.).

The M. A. class was discontinued for want of a Junior Professor of Philosophy, a condition imposed by the Syndicate of the University.

107. *Affiliation.*—The standard and subjects in which affiliation was granted to the College during the year under report were as follows:—

89 *B. A. Examination.*—English, (Pass and Honors), Philosophy, (Pass and Honors), Sanskrit (Pass), Mathematics (Pass) and Bengali.

99. *I. A. Examination.*—English, Bengali, Sanskrit, History, Logic, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

99. *I. Sc. Examination.*—English, Bengali, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, History and Economics.

108. *Changes in the staff.*—Babu Upendra Narayan Sinha, M.A., Professor of Mathematics, went on furlough for seven months from the 30th June 1908 to the 29th January 1909 and Babu Paresh Nath Banerjee, M.A., was appointed to officiate in his place. Babu Hriday Krishna Dey, M.A., Professor of Chemistry, went on Medical Leave on the 18th July 1908 and resigned his appointment with effect from the 18th August 1908. Babu Bhudeb Chandra Savakar, B.A., who was appointed temporarily to officiate for him, worked from the 6th August to the 4th September 1908.

The post of Tutor and Supervisor of the Boarding Institution was combined with the newly created post of Professor of English in accordance with the Syndicate's requirements and the recommendations of the University Inspectors. Babu Promotho Nath Dutt, M.A, was appointed to the post on the 21st July 1908. He resigned his appointment with effect from the 18th August 1908. He was succeeded by Babu Barada Kanta Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., who joined the post on the 3rd November 1908.

Babu Kshitish Chandra Roy, M.A., was appointed Professor of Chemistry on the 25th February 1909.

109. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—The following statement shews the receipts and expenditure in the General Department for the year:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	25,743	14	2
Library and Laboratory	4,749	0	6
Contingencies	619	15	2
Gymnastics	81	12	5
Extraordinary charges	153	9	8
Total expenditure	31,348	3	11
Receipts from fees and fines	2,177	5	0
State grant	29,170	14	11
Cost of educating each student	252	12	11
State share of the cost of educating each student	235	4	0

The total expenditure in the General Department amounted to Rs. 31,348-3-11 (excluding a furlough allowance of Rs. 764-5-1) against Rs. 28,702-4-10 in the preceding year.

110. *University Examinations.*—Three students appeared at the M.A. Examination in 1908 but none passed. Three students appeared at the Preliminary B.L. Examination in July 1908 of whom one passed, and 5 at the Preliminary Examination in January 1909 of whom two passed. Seven students were sent up to the final B.L. Examination in November 1908 of whom 6 passed.

At the Supplementary examinations held by the University in December 1908 thirteen ex-students of the College passed the F.A. and 21 the B.A. Examination.

Ten students were sent up to the B.A. Examination in March 1909 of whom 7 passed, one with first class Honors in Philosophy standing first in the subject in the University.

Eight candidates were sent up to the I.A. Examination: all passed, three being placed in the 1st division, four in the 2nd, and one in the 3rd.

Four candidates were sent up to the I. Sc. Examination all passed, 3 being placed in the first division and one in the 2nd.

111. *Discipline.*—No case of gross misconduct was reported during the year.

112. *Students' Residences.*—Besides the Collegiate Hostel two students' messes were licensed during the session—the 'Santikutir' and the "*Assamese* Students' mess". Great difficulties were experienced at the commencement of the session for want of lodging accommodation in the town. The question of finding more accommodation for the College and the School students is pressing more and more for solution year after year. The students in these messes lived under College discipline.

III.—Jenkins School.

113. *Numerical Strength.*—The number of boys on the rolls on the 31st March 1909 was 409 against 394 on the corresponding date in the preceding year. Of these 97 or 23·71 per cent. were natives of Cooch Behar against 100 or 25·4 per cent. in the preceding year.

114. *Income.*—The income from fees and fines was Rs 6,564-9-6 against Rs 6,845-2-6 in the preceding year.

115. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 14,042-6 against Rs 13,387-3-5 in the preceding year. The increase in expenditure was due to the following reasons: (1) grain compensation allowance was paid to some of the teachers throughout the year, (2) four new teachers continued on the staff throughout the year, (3) a special grant of Rs. 300 for the School Library, (of which Rs. 287 was actually spent), was made.

The net cost to the State in maintaining the School was Rs. 7,477-12-6 against Rs. 6,542-0-11 in the preceding year.

116. *Tutorial Staff.*—Babu Uma Charan Roy (the late Head Master) was on privilege leave from the 2nd July to the 24th August 1908 and he retired from the service of the State on the 3rd December 1908. During his absence on leave and from the 4th December 1908 to the end of the year, Babu Ganga Prosad Das, 2nd Master, was in charge of the duties of the Head Master, the 3rd and 4th Masters officiated in their next higher posts, and a temporary master was appointed to the 5th mastership. Babu Srinath Hore, temporary Senior English Teacher, resigned on the 5th July 1908 and Babu Rakhal Chandra Banik, 5th Master, acted in the post till the end of the year. Babu Guru Das Gupta, temporary Senior Mathematical Teacher, resigned his appointment on the 3rd July 1908 and Babu Susil Kumar Goswami was appointed to act in that post till the end of the year.

Babu Sudhanshu Mohan Mitra, temporary Senior Sanskrit Teacher, resigned his appointment on the 26th August 1908 and Babu Dasarathi Kar, M.A., was

appointed to the post on the 3rd November 1908. Babu Mokunda Chandra Sen Additional Master, officiated as 5th Master from the 28th August to the 3rd, December 1908 and from the 4th December 1908 to the end of the year he acted as 4th Master. Babu Phanindra Nath Roy, an outsider, was appointed to act as Additional Master from the 28th August to the 31st March 1909. Babu Taraprosunna Das Gupta, 6th Master, was on Medical leave from the beginning of the last official year to the 26th March 1909. During his absence Babu Debendra Chandra Chakravartti and Babu Jotindra Mohan Guha officiated for him.

117. *University Examination.*—Twenty-four boys were sent up to the Entrance Examination held in March 1909, of whom 7 passed in the first division, 10 in the 2nd and two in the 3rd. One of the boys did not appear at the Examination.

In the Examination held in March 1908, 25 students appeared, of whom five passed in the first, nine in the 2nd and nine in the 3rd division. These results are satisfactory.

118. *Inspection.*—The inspection of the School on behalf of the University was carried out by the Principal of the Victoria College on the 4th September 1908.

VI.—MEDICAL.

119. Dr. Nield Cook was in charge of the Department till June 3rd, 1908 Babu Mohit Lal Sen, the Senior Assistant Surgeon, from June 4th to January 10th 1909 and Captain Denham White, I.M.S., from January 11th to March 3rd when Dr. Nield Cook rejoined his appointment on his return from medical leave.

120. *General health of the State.*—The year was an unhealthy one, the number of patients treated at the several Dispensaries in the State being considerably above the average. This was principally due to the prevalence of malaria, the number of cases of malarial fever and diseases of spleen treated at the Sudder Hospital and Dispensaries being 15,684 against 11,689 in the previous year. Dysentery and Diarrhœa contributed in a smaller degree. Examinations of school boys in the State indicate that a high percentage is infected with malaria and in view of the good results obtained in Italy and elsewhere by the free distribution of quinine it is proposed by the Civil Surgeon to obtain a machine for the manufacture of tabloids to enable the Medical Department to distribute that drug in a convenient and not unpalatable form. The number of cholera cases reported was 1,433 against 2,167 and small-pox 591 against 665 in the previous year.

Statement Q appended shews the mortality amongst in-door patients in the several Hospitals of the State. The percentage of deaths during the year was 9·44 against 7·06 in the previous year.

Statement R shews the attendance at the different Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total number of out-patients during the year was 39,657 against 35,183 and that of in-patients was 1,315 against 1,158 in the preceding year.

227. *Operations.*—Statement S shews the number, nature and results of major operations performed in the Sudder Hospital. There were 42 operations against 34 in the year preceding

228. *Prevailing Diseases.*—Statement T shews the most prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.

229. *Vaccination.*—Statement U shews the number of persons vaccinated and the results obtained during the year. The number of persons vaccinated was 21,211 against 18,227 in the previous year. The percentage of successful operations was 98·06 against 97·98 in the previous year.

Statement V shews the percentage of sex and class of patients treated in the several Hospitals. Statement Y shews the cost of the Medical Department.

Statements W and X shew the average population, and the sick and death rate of the Jail Hospital and the Police and Military Hospitals.

Statement Z shews the total rainfall during the year.

232. *Vital Statistics.*—The statement below shews the percentage of births and deaths per mille in the Town of Cooch Behar for the last three years:—

	Births..	Deaths..
1906-07	11·95	18·64
1907-08	20·36	15·68
1908-09	23·52	28·11

The percentages for the year shew an excess of deaths over births. This, in the opinion of the Civil Surgeon, is probably the result of faulty registration as a normal Indian birth rate is 40 or over and there is no reason to believe that Cooch Behar is deficient in fecundity.

121. *Summary.*—The number of Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State remained the same. A ward for in-patients was opened at the Haldibari Dispensary in June 1908. The total cost of the State for this Department was Rs. 44,515 (including the cost of the Veterinary Department) against Rs. 34,372-11-4 in the previous year. The excess expenditure is chiefly due to the payment of Captain Denham White's salary for 8 months from August to March. During the year the number of patients who received medical aid at these Dispensaries was 40,972 against 36,341 in the previous year.

VII.—AGRICULTURE.

122. Although the area of the farm remained the same as in the year previous, *viz.*, 180 Bighas, only 75 Bighas were put under tobacco. This was done with a view of keeping half the tobacco lands fallow each year in rotation and allowing the cultivated area to be suitably manured.

123. Cowdung was the only manure used for the tobacco lands. Each plot measuring a Bigha in area was given 90 cart loads of manure, and the Manager reports that it would have been better if even larger quantities had been used. As it was, 1,500 cart loads of manure were procured and used in the cultivation as it was not found possible to obtain a bigger supply.

124. Three varieties of seeds, *viz.*, Yellow Prior, Bright Yellow and White Barley Corn were procured from America and tried in the farm. All the varieties gave good results in the curing, the best colour being obtained from the White Barley.

125. As usual, seeds were sown in specially prepared beds in September. Transplantation took place between the 15th October and the 15th November and the whole tobacco was cut and fire-cured between the 31st January and the 10th April 1909. The abnormal drought of the year prevented a proper growth of the plants.

126. The whole of the tobacco was fire-cured in the two curing sheds and the curings gave excellent results. As long as the circumstances were favourable, each leaf came out of the curing sheds bright yellow in colour but at the latter end of the season, the hot sun and the want of moisture in the lands affected the plants injuriously. The leaves shewed signs of withering away and dried up in the curing process before acquiring the yellow colour, due, no doubt, to the want of the requisite quantity of moisture. The results of the later curings, consequently, were not so satisfactory.

127. As a result of his experiments, the Manager reports that the best time for fire-curing tobacco in Cooch Behar is the period between the 15th of February and 15th of March. To obtain the best results, at least one more curing shed is necessary for the farm and he is taking steps to build a new curing shed at a small outlay.

128. The approximate yield of tobacco was about 150 maunds. As stated above, the abnormal drought during the whole tobacco season, affected the growth of the plants and accounts for the comparatively poor yield.

129. As in the year previous subsidiary crops were cultivated to give employment to the farm labourers during the rainy season. On account of the unseasonable distribution of rains, none of the crops grew so well as in the year previous. Their outturn was as follows :—

	Mds.	Sr.
Jute	64	0
Paddy	181	0
Maize	12	5

130. On account of the low also prices prevalent throughout the year, the jute was not sold. The new tobacco has not yet been disposed of. The other crops have been sold off.

131. The receipts and expenditure were as follows :—

RECEIPT.

Sale proceeds of

	Rs.	A.	P.
Tobacco	4,549	4	9
Paddy	350	2	9
Maize	33	5	6
Miscellaneous	107	5	9
Total ...	5,040	2	9

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	1,946	0	0
Labour	4,788	7	0
Curing shed	427	15	4
Thatched sheds	218	12	3
Manure	475	12	0
Cattle and their up-keep	637	0	0
Contingencies—including tools &c. and firewood	590	0	2
Miscellaneous	776	12	6
Total ...	9,860	11	3

132. A further expenditure of Rs. 7,365-1-6 was incurred on behalf of Mr. I. B. De Majumdor, deputed to America with Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan. The total expenditure under Agriculture was thus Rs. 17,225-15-9, resulting in a saving of Rs. 2,474-0-3 in the budget grant.

133. Two American tobacco experts from the Peninsular Tobacco Company, Monghyr, who visited the farm, praised the colour of the tobacco and said it was the best Indian tobacco they had seen in the market. The following criticism was obtained from the company regarding the previous year's tobacco:—

"The flue-cured tobacco we purchased from you last year has darkened somewhat and inspite of it being grown from American seed it has the characteristic flavour of Indian tobacco, though somewhat moderated. In other respects from a manufacturing point of view, it is satisfactory."

SHOOTING CAMP.

134. The expenditure on account of the Shooting Camp during the year was Rs. 13,997-6-9 (including the cost of establishment, repairs to furniture and up-keep of Motor Car but excluding the cost of purchase of and repairs to tents which were provided for under Administration—Miscellaneous.)

There were two Camps in 1908-09: one for His Excellency the Viceroy at Lahaparah which lasted from 12th to 22nd February 1909 and one at Chapar from 26th February to 14th March 1909.

Bills amounting to Rs. 7,788-8-6 for the Lakhipur Camp in 1907-08 were paid from this year's provision. Some of the bills for the Chapar Camp have been paid from the provision for 1909-10.

The satisfactory arrangements made for the Viceroy's Camp at Lahaparah reflected great credit on Mr. B. Ghose and Babu Hemendra Nath Gupta.

After the break up of the Viceroy's Camp, the tents and furniture for the next Camp at Chapar were conveyed by road by carts which entailed a large expenditure.

PHILKHANA.

135. There were 28 elephants (excluding the two at Chaklajat) in the Philkhana Establishment. The total expenditure was Rs. 21,951-13-6. Four elephants were purchased during the year, two elephants (Giri Bala and Lila) died and one eleplant (Patrani) escaped.

MILITARY.

136. The corps was maintained up to the sanctioned strength. The Gurkhas employed since 1907 at Darjeeling did not give entire satisfaction and their services were dispensed with after the close of the year.

The expenditure on the Military Department during the year was Rs. 32,342 against Rs. 33,200 in the preceding year. The Subadar Major carried out his duties efficiently.

LIBRARY.

137. During the year 165 English books and 29 Bengali and 2 Sanskrit the books were added to the Library. The total number of books amount to 9239.

STATE PRESS.

138. Babu Priya Nidhan Palit was incharge of the Press throughout year except from 6th July to 24th August 1908, when he was on privilege leave and Babu Hemendra Nath Gupta was incharge.

139. Stamps to the value of Rs. 1,81,076 were manufactured during the year against that of Rs. 1,73,461-11-9 of the year previous, shewing an increase of Rs. 7,614-4-3.

140. The number of paying subscribers to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* was 101 against 104 in the previous year and the number of copies of the Gazette distributed free was 80 against 77 of the previous year.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness'

Most obedient servant,

A. W. DENTITH,

Superintendent of the State, Cooch Behar.

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Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1908-1909.

PART I.—*Return of cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by Magistrate* SUO MOTU *in the year* 1908-1909.

SERIAL NUMBER.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number remaining for disposal from previous year.	Number of complaints and cases instituted *Suo motu* by a Magistrate.	Number of complaints dismissed after examining the complainant (Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.)	Number of cases referred for investigation to the Police.	Number otherwise investigated before issue of Process.	Number dismissed after investigation (under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.)	Number remaining for trial.	Number declared by a Court after trial never to have occurred or to be mistakes of law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a non-cognizable offence only was committed.	No. of COGNIZABLE OFFENCES COMMITTED THAT WERE TRIED. Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Percentage of convictions to total of columns 15 and 16.	Number of cognizable offences that were under investigation or trial at close of the year.	REMARKS. Disposed of under section 247, Criminal Procedure Code.	Disposed of under section 248, Criminal Procedure Code.	Disposed of under section 249, Criminal Procedure Code.	Disposed of under section 253, Criminal Procedure Code.	Disposed of under section 245, Criminal Procedure Code	Disposed of under section 494 C.P.C.	Absconded.	Struck off.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19							
	115	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	140, 170, 171	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	2	27	..	11	17	18	8	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	5	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..
	CLASS II.—*Serious offences against the person.*																								
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		Murder — by dacoits	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
		Murder — by robbers	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..
		Murder — by poison	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
		Other murders	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	307	Attempts at murder		..	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..
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	376	Rape	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...
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	305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	.	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	.
	329, 331, 333	Grievous hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	.	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..
	325, 326, 335	Grievous hurt	..	3	..	1	2	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	1	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..
	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..
	327, 330, 332	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	.	..	..	..	.	...	..
	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon	...	10	..	4	1	3	7	...	1	..	1	...	1	...	1	..	..	..	..	4		...	...
	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction	1	23	2	10	11	12	9	.	...	2	2	1	1	...	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	.	...	..	..	..	..	..	..		...	..
	372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a minor for prostitution.	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	.	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..		...	.
	371	Habitually dealing in slaves	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..		...	...
	353, 354, 356, 357	Criminal force to public servant, or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	14	1	2	8	7	5	..	...	1	1	...	..	...	4	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..
	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	..	2	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	..
		Total	01	50	3	17	22	22	24	..	2	4	5	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..
	CLASS III.—*Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.*																								
	395, 396, 398	Dacoity	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...		...	..
	399, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...		...	...
	394, 397, 398	Robbery with hurt. — by poisonous or stupefying drugs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..
		Robbery with hurt. — by other means	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..

(a) One case transferred from Serial No. 34 of this Statement.

I.—*Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year* 1908-1909.

1	2	3
Jail offences.	Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Having forbidden articles in possession, stealing and other offences against prison discipline.	Loss of marks	35
	Corporal punishment ...	3
	Degraded from Warder's post..	10
	Put in heavy irons	...
	Wearing gunny suits ...	8
	Putting in solitary cells ...	6
	Judicially punished ...	3
	Warned	5
	Standing Hand-cuff	40
	Hard Labour	2
	Night Hand-cuff	2
	Total ...	116

RAJ KRISHNA DAS,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

J.—*Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year* 1908-1909.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
	11·34	373 10 3	1,041 9 2	1,415 3 5	...8....	216 7 0	216 7 0	1,198 12 5	32 15 2	91 12 7	105 11 4	

RAJ KRISHNA DAS,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

K.—*Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1908-1909.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1907-1908.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1908-1909.	
	Amount.	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ...	65,701 2 6	.....	45,724 7 8	.....
Forest	6,878 9 5	.....	3,031 12 0	.....
Total Original Works	.....	72,579 11 11	.....	48,756 3 8
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	28,061 1 11	.....	27,597 0 0	.....
Military " ...	463 6 11	.....	502 0 1	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	831 8 0	.....	3,588 14 10	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	29,356 0 10	.....	31,687 14 11
Tools and Plant ...	2,397 13 6	2,397 13 6	1,690 15 0	1,690 15 0
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	24,878 9 3	.....	23,844 9 6	.....
Dak-Bungalows ...	1,412 6 6	.....	1,255 0 5	.....
Conservancy	527 2 3	.....	556 2 6	.....
Artizans' School ...	1,164 0 0	.....	1,175 0 0	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	684 10 9	.....	986 3 9	.....
Total Establishment...	.....	28,666 12 9	.....	27,817 0 2
Maintenance of State carts.	6,434 11 7	6,434 11 7	6,487 2 10	6,487 2 10
Profit and Loss ...	.....	.....	40 0 0	40 0 0
Woodlands ...	16,847 13 7	16,847 13 7	22,062 6 9	22,062 6 9
Colinton and Prospect House.	11,933 0 3	11,933 0 3	20,163 8 9	20,163 8 9
GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	1,68,216 0 5	.....	1,58,705 3 8
Receipts.				
Miscellaneous ...	957 2 8	.....	555 8 0	.....
Sal Timbers and Forest	2,369 5 9	.....	3,428 14 4	.....
State cart income ...	4,686 4 0	.....	5,146 8 0	.....
Total Receipts ...	.....	8,012 12 5	.....	9,130 14 4

K. C. NAHER,

Supdt. of Works, P. W. Dept

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1908-1909.

Item No.	Names of Works.	Expenditure for 1907-1908.	Expenditure for 1908-1909. Amount.	Petty works.	Total.
	Original Works.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
	Civil Buildings.				
1	Additions to Sudder Model School	1,415 12 4	.....	.....	.....
2	Do. Dewan's Record Room	993 6 5	.....	.....	.....
3	Additional accommodation to Head Assistant to Officer-in-charge of His Highness' household.	115 4 2	.....	.....	.....
4	Contribution to the Communication Improvement Fund.	22,851 0 0	.....	.....	.....
5	Converting the Stable into Servants Rooms ...	3,159 12 2	.....	.....	.....
6	Electric light Installation in the Palace ...	19,929 5 1	.....	.....	.....
7	New Furniture Sudder Dak Bungalow ...	432 1 0	.....	.....	.....
8	Improving Mr. Oakley's Bungalow ...	786 12 10	.....	.....	.....
9	Railway Police quarters	4,480 8 9	.....	.....	.....
10	Two Storied house for the Principal, Victoria College.	6,098 11 4	.....	.....	.....
11	Victoria College Building and clearing site ...	3,529 0 0	.....	.....	.....
12	Victoria College	—160 2 6	.....	.....	.....
13	Palace Stair case	403 5 4	.....	.....	.....
14	Closing a portion of the West verandah of the Council Building for State Pleader.	89 10 0	.....	.....	.....
15	Corrugated Iron roofing to Band Surgeant's quarter.	1,137 9 6	.....	.....	.....
16	Corrugated Iron roofed Godown in the Sudder Dak Bungalow.	439 2 1	.....	.....	.....
17	Additions to Mathabhanga Higher English School	.....	2,184 10 8	.....	2,184 10 8
18	Do. Mekligunj Kutchery	.....	985 4 9	.....	985 4 9
19	Corrugated Iron roof for the Superintendent of Philkhana's Bungalow	.....	2,789 7 2	.....	2,789 7 2
20	Corrugated iron roofed house for Subadar Major and Jamadar.	.....	1,939 12 0	.....	1,939 12 0
21	Debutter Godown	.....	1,668 1 4	.....	1,668 1 4
22	House and furniture for the Revenue Officer ...	.....	821 6 3	.....	821 6 3
23	Latrine for Mathabhanga Higher English School Boarding.	.....	381 14 7	.....	381 14 7
24	Palace—Original Works	.....	13,297 8 0	.....	13,297 5 0
25	Game Reserve Forest	.....	7,443 15 6	.....	7,443 15 6
26	Ground and Garden	.....	5,994 15 6	.....	5,994 15 6
27	Rajmata Hospital	.....	4,193 9 2	.....	4,193 9 2
28	Roof over entry to Jail...	.....	666 7 6	.....	666 7 6
29	Sanitation Scheme	.....	344 6 6	.....	344 6 6
30	Palace Strong room	.....	1,020 4 11	.....	1,020 4 11
31	Corrugated Iron roofed house for Supervisor of Boarding's Bungalow.	.....	1,808 14 4	.....	1,808 14 4
32	Pucca well near Susi Babu's house at Tufangunj...	.....	88 0 0	.....	88 0 0
33	State Press Latrine	.....	.....	46 1 6	46 1 6
34	Corrugated Iron roofed prayer room in the Dewan's house.	.....	.....	49 12 0	49 12 0
	Total Original Works—Civil Buildings ...	65,701 2 6	45,628 9 9	95 13 6	45,724 7 3
	Forest.				
35	Forest in general	1,606 3 0	1,097 13 9	.....	1,097 13 9
36	Game Reserve Forest	3,162 2 2	.....	.....	.....
37	Planting and protecting trees	2,110 3 4	1,933 14 3	.....	1,933 14 3
	Total Forest	6,878 9 5	3,031 12 0	.....	3,031 12 0
	Carried over original works, Civil Buildings ...	72,579 11 11	48,660 5 9	95 13 6	48,756 3 3

Details of Expenditure for Original Works for 1908-09,

Item No.	Names of Works.	Expenditure for 1906-07.	Expenditure for 1907-08. Annual.	Expenditure for 1907-08. Petty.	Expenditure for 1907-08. Total.
		Rs. P. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Total brought forward Establishment ...	27,502 12 9	26,642 0 2	.....	26,642 0 2
	Ditto. Original Works ...	72,579 11 11	48,660 5 9	95 13 6	48,756 8 [illegible]
	Ditto. Repairs ...	29,356 0 10	27,081 6 4	4,606 8 7	31,687 14 11
	Ditto. Tools and Plant ...	2,397 13 6	1,690 15 0	.....	1,690 15 0
	Artizan School.				
124	Salary	1,164 0 0	1,175 0 0	.....	1,175 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	28,666 12 9	27,817 0 2	.....	27,817 0 2
125	Maintenance of State Carts	6,434 11 7	6,487 2 10	.....	6,487 2 10
126	Profit and Loss	.....	40 0 0	.....	40 0 0
	Total P. W. D. ...	1,39,435 2 7	1,11,776 14 1	4,702 6 1	1,16,479 4 2
	Woodlands.				
127	Establishment—Pay of Sub-overseer ...	420 0 0	480 0 0	.....	480 0 0
128	Original Works—2nd storey of servants quarters	2,675 14 0	6,948 14 3	.....	6,948 14 3
129	Repairs of houses and upkeep of road ...	4,848 12 6	4,307 9 5	.....	4,307 9 5
130	Unforeseen	18 0 0	469 11 0	.....	469 11 0
131	Garden (Payable to Mr. S. P. Chatterjee) ...	3,000 0 0	3,250 0 0	.....	3,250 0 0
132	Municipality Income and Land Revenue ...	3,179 4 7	3,867 6 4	.....	3,867 6 4
133	Unfiltered water connection	1,710 2 9	.....	.....	.....
134	Small works	774 8 9	.....	.....	.....
135	Travelling allowance (Supdt. of Works.) ...	221 4 0	63 12 0	.....	63 12 0
136	Extra Works	.....	2,675 1 9	.....	2,675 1 9
	Total Woodlands ...	16,847 13 7	22,062 6 9	.....	22,062 6 9
	Colinton and Prospect House.				
137	Establishment	575 12 0	572 8 5	.....	572 8 5
138	Original Works, Dhobis Hill	964 12 0	.....	.....	.....
139	Ditto New bath room	1,624 2 6	.....	.....	.....
140	Ditto Diversion of roads	.....	6,234 11 6	.....	6,234 11 6
141	Ditto Second storey over Lansdowne ...	.....	6,956 4 3	.....	6,956 4 3
142	Repairs of houses, out-houses, upkeep of Roads and house bearers.	4,765 6 0	2,884 8 3	.....	2,884 8 3
143	Garden including Establishment	1,473 4 0	1,253 9 10	.....	1,253 9 10
144	Insurance...	375 0 0	375 0 0	.....	375 0 0
145	Taxes, Municipal and Income	1,548 9 9	1,369 11 9	.....	1,369 11 9
146	Travelling allowance (Supdt. of Works) ...	606 2 0	211 12 0	.....	211 12 0
147	Unforeseen	.....	5 7 0	.....	5 7 0
148	Latrine	.....	299 15 9	.....	299 15 9
	Total Colinton and Prospect House ...	11,933 0 3	20,163 8 9	.....	20,163 8 9
	Grand total ...	1,68,216 0 5	1,54,002 13 7	4,702 6 1	1,58,705 3 8

Receipts.

Receipts.	1907-08. Rs. A. P.	1908-09. Rs. A. P.		Total. Rs. A. P.
Miscellaneous	957 2 8	555 8 0	.....	.....
Sál Timber and forest ordinary	2,369 5 9	3,428 14 4	.....	.....
State Cart Income	4,686 4 0	5,146 8 0	.....	.....
Total Receipts ...	8,012 12 5	9,130 14 4	.....	.....

K. C. NANDI,
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

I.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for 1908-09.*

Item No.	HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1906-07. Amount.			Total.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1907-08. Amount.			Total.		
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1	Original Works	23,655	3	0				13,438	5	10			
2	Repairs ...	37,620	11	7				28,583	5	10			
3	Contingencies	988	15	0				991	15	6			
4	Rest House Establishment ...	840	0	0				879	9	3			
5	Repayment of Loan ...	12,223	0	0				2,223	0	0			
6	Unexpended balance remitted into the Treasury.	819	2	5				8,346	11	7			
	Total ...				76,142	0	0				54,463	0	0
	Receipts.												
7	Sale-proceeds of the Bridge materials.	619	1	7				540	2	9			
	Total ...				619	1	7				540	2	9

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Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1908-1909

Item No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1907-1908.			Expenditure for 1908-1909.			Total.			R
	Original Works.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
1	Metalling Khagrabari Road up to the cross Roads and the approaches to Dodearhat, repairing Road to Baneswar.	7,040	8	8	.....						
2	Permanent bridge over Shutunga	2,548	4	0	.....						
3	Pucca culverts to replace bamboo and corrugated iron culverts.	5,019	12	9	457	4	0				
4	Pucca bridges west of Haldibari	1,622	4	5	.....						
5	Slice Gate at Mathabhanga	600	0	0	.....						
6	Two bridges on Manabari Road	7,404	14	8	2,069	1	3				
7	Constructing Roads and Bridges at Dewangunj ...	.....			2,737	15	7				
8	New works	.....			178	5	3				
9	Permanent Bridges on Rungpur Road	.....			5,174	10	7				
10	Permanent Bridges on Kakina Road	.....			3,071	6	9				
11	Gadadhar Brigde on Lowkuti Road	-580	9	6	-250	5	7				
	Total Original Works ...	23,655	3	0	13,438	5	10	13,438	5	10	
	Repairs.										
12	Buxa Road	499	3	5	656	2	11				
13	Balarampur Feeder Road	809	10	11	605	7	7				
14	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	1,004	11	9	519	1	6				
15	Ditto Dinhata to Mekliganj ...	979	15	0	846	1	0				
16	Ditto Patgram to Bhutan	839	1	3	450	9	10				
17	Changrabanda Feeder Road	529	3	9	437	13	2				
18	Chowdhurihat ditto	31	4	0	72	7	0				
19	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar ...	4,431	11	0	4,609	3	10				
20	Ditto east of ditto ...	486	0	6	353	13	3				
21	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	590	5	9	871	11	11				
22	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	210	14	3	362	1	6				
23	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi ..	950	5	0	952	10	2				
24	Falacutta Road	234	6	11	306	3	3				
25	Gadadhar Road "Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari."	172	12	2	187	6	6				
26	Inspection Bungalows	1,333	3	2	1,285	14	3				
27	Janoki Tewary Road	465	4	0	420	0	11				
28	Kashiabari Feeder Road	577	0	8	95	0	6				
29	Kakina Road with branches	1,159	1	8	904	4	1				
30	Katamari to Manabari Road	835	15	6	858	1	6				
31	Lowkuti Road	2,039	1	2	1,356	7	0				
32	Manikgunj Feeder Road	703	11	9	99	2	0				
33	Metalled roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	2,420	14	2	4,338	6	8				
34	Purbabhag Road	467	2	6	284	13	1				
35	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	786	11	8	714	9	6				
36	Ditto in the Suburbs	725	14	3	779	10	5				
37	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	305	9	3	481	12	6				
38	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	152	7	3	110	2	9				
39	Road from Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	473	13	0	319	2	9				
40	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	181	3	9	149	7	6				
41	Road from Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	175	1	8	161	14	9				
42	Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri	280	8	0	260	1	6				
43	Road from Chilakhana to Bhattbari	312	7	6	144	4	6				
44	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat	1,590	5	5	1,293	10	0				
45	Rungpur Road	986	5	7	711	0	0				
46	Repairs to flood damages	7,786	5	2	.....						
47	Village paths	20,92	14	10	2,554	7	3				
	Total ...	37,620	11	7	28,583	5	10	28,583	5	10	
	Contingency.										
48	Ameen and Peon for acquiring lands	616	0	11	602	8	6				
49	Contingency	37	14	1	29	7	0				
50	Driver of Steam Road Roller	330	0	0	360	0	0				
	Total ...	983	15	0	991	15	6	991	15	6	
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.										
51	Chowkidars for rest houses...	840	0	0	879	9	3	879	9	3	
	Repayment of Loans.										
52	Loan for Sutanga Bridge	10,000	0	0	.....						
53	Loan for purchase of Steam Road roller ...	2,223	0	0	2,223	0	0				
	Total ...	12,223	0	0	2,223	0	0	2,223	0	0	
54	Unexpended Balance	819	2	5	8,346	11	7	8,346	11	7	
	Grand total ...	76,142	0	0	.....			54,463	0	0	

K. C. NANDI,
Superintendent of Works, P. W. De

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Statement shewing the Repairs done to Roads during the year 1908-1909.

Item No.	Names of Roads	Earthwork cft.	Surface repairs sft.	Turfing sft.	Wood work cft.	Corrugated Iron culverts rft.	Sal post (Driving) rft.	Coal tarring.	Renewing Railings rft.	Stone metalling cft.	Remarks.
1.	Buxa Road	39,791	4,59,234	18,250	6·63	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
2.	Balarampur Feeder Road	10,02,000	39,249	1,020	21·00	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
3.	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	21,480	9,25,140	.....	.....	14	...	1708	.....	.....	
4.	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj	25,868	15,55,910	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
5.	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	73,467	5,64,920	.....	18·35	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
6.	Changrabanda Feeder Road	21,479	6,61,890	.....	2·08	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
7.	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	2,024	1,57,500	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
8.	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar	3,68,264	29,84,301	23,478	29·50	.....	120	...	190	.....	
9.	Ditto east of Cooch Behar	.....	85,000	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
10.	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa ...	1,91,404	4,64,800	26,210	15·50	15-3"	...	...	.....	.....	
11.	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampur	15,367	5,20,950	2,542	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
12.	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi ...	49,969	6,66,925	3,640	34·63	44	236'-6	...	.....	.....	
13.	Falacutta Road	37,145	2,70,045	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
14.	Godadhur Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari) ...	9,651	4,26,050	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
15.	Janaki Tewari Road	11,344	5,25,000	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
16.	Kashiabari Feeder Road	13,755	1,30,098	2,550	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
17.	Kakina Road with branches	1,44,794	10,95,359	2,775	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
18.	Katamari to Manabari Road	58,196	8,24,411	3,665	11·56	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
19.	Lowkuti Road	1,04,358	16,07,360	2,320	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
20.	Manikgunj Feeder Road	11,026	1,09,475	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
21.	Purbabhag Road	1,610	5,19,600	.....	45·25	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
22.	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	6844·34	
23.	„ in the Suburbs	33,974	6,04,003	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
24.	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	65,451	7,85,640	5,314	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
25.	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	20,735	1,86,070	7,880	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
26.	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta	19,320	7,58,000	1,600	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
27.	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	350	5,91,400	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
28.	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	29,747	2,21,400	.....	2 50	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
29.	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	5,387	4,94,640	.....	.....	14	...	...	.....	.....	
30.	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	15,031	4,68,720	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
31.	Rungpur Road	35,218	14,73,700	1,600	15·00	.....	...	...	.....	.....	
32.	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat	1,01,953	14,01,824	4,728	.....	32.00	...	...	.....	.....	
33.	Metalled Roads in the Town	.....	1,69,974	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....	13,950·12	
34.	Village Paths	1,83,788	31,49,424	10,078	10·28	58 00	...	...	.....	.....	
	TOTAL ...	27,14,146	2,48,78,052	1,17,650	212·28	177'-6	356 -6	1,708	190	20,794·46	

K. C NANDY,

Superintendent of Works, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

N.—*Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department*

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	Bridges and Culverts. Iron bridges. No.	Iron bridges. Running ft.	Pucca bridges. No.	Pucca bridges. Running ft.	Wooden bridges. No.	Wooden bridges. Running ft.	Bamboo bridges. No.	Bamboo bridges. Running ft.	Culverts. No.
	Roads.										
1	Buxa Road	20	3	325	1	12	1	25	...	.....	2
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	15	...	.....	1	10	7	358	...	.....	11
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi...	15	5	324	9	213	...	.....	...	.....	6
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj ...	20	2	210	...	.....	3	150	...	.....	12
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	6	395	...	.....	5
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga *via* Ranirhat.	15, 10	1	132	5	54	1	37	1	62	6
7	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	15	...	.....	2	29	...	.....	...	.....	3
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar ...	20	9	1,129	15	402½	...	.....	4	397	20
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	20	...	.....	1	22	5	79	...	.....	9
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Pathakhawa	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	60	...	.....	7
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	4	111	2	76	8
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	...	.....	...	.....	1	22	3	169	18
13	Falacutta Road	15	...	.....	3	106	...	.....	...	.....	1
14	Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari (Gadadhar Road).	15	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	55	4
15	Janaki Tewari Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	3	111	...	.....	8
16	Kashabarj Feeder Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	75	...	.....	2
17	Kakina Road with branches	20, 15, 12	...	.....	5	171	4	227	...	.....	17
18	Katamari to Manabari Road	15, 12	2	156	...	.....	..	.....	...	.....	5
19	Lowkuti Road	20, 15	2	305	4	167	..	.....	...	.....	17
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	4	266	...	.....	.....
21	Purbabhag Road	20	...	.....	2	22	1	71	...	.....	2
22	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti	20	...	.....	1	23	...	.....	...	.....	8
23	Ditto in the Suburbs	20, 15, 10	...	.....	...	.....	3	28	...	.....	12
24	Roads in the Town (metalled)	20	1	.....	2	30	...	.....	...	.....	4
25	Rungpur Road	20	1	90	3	67	3	310	1	25	9
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	75	3
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowanigunj ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	10, 12	..	.....	...	.....	1	30	4	99	2
29	Ditto Bhatagurí to Nazirhat	12, 15	...	.....	...	.....	1	30	1	32	4
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	130	6
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkigurí	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	20	4
32	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	30	4
33	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	8	301	6
	Total ...	.....	26	2,671	54	1,328½	50	2,385	32	1,471	228
	Village Paths.										
1	Bowti Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
2	Garadhat to Bholka and Majerdabri	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
3	Balarampur to Shilkhuri and Fulkumar ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	25	1
4	Balarampur to Chilakhana	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
5	Dhubri-Feesta Road to Durgapur	10	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	...	.....	.....
6	Kheti-Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Keshebat.	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	90	.....
7	Mathabhanga to Ratherdanga	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	68	1
8	Poondibari to Chokkatu through Ghokshadanga with a branch to Changrabanda & Takaphanda.	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4	62	1
9	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gossaigunj	10	...	.....	1	15	1	13	...	.....	6
10	Poondibari Road to Sili Torsa	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
11	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatigach ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	50	.....
12	Small roads including road to Hathibanda ...	15, 10	1	80	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
13	Path from Latkobari to Chowdhurihat ...	12	1	23½	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
14	Do. from Cooch Behar to Takumari Road to Baneswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	100	6
15	Road from Abutara to Bamonhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	105	.....
16	Dhowlabari to Sissobtola	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
17	Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
18	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	2	103½	1	15	2	23	18	500	17

penditure in the year 1908-09.

Length.			Expenditure.			Remarks.
Embanked and bridged.	Embanked but not permanently bridged	Neither embanked nor bridged.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
12	.....	.....	.....	656	656	
18	.....	.....	.....	605	605	
12	.....	.....	.....	549	549	
29	.....	.....	.....	846	846	
11¼	.....	.....	.....	451	451	
12	.....	9	.....	438	438	
2½	.....	.....	.....	72	72	
40¼	.....	.....	.....	4,609	4,609	
19½	.....	.....	.....	354	354	
11	.....	.....	.....	872	872	
7	.....	.....	.....	362	362	
19	.....	.....	457	953	1,410	
6	.....	.....	.....	306	306	
7	.....	.....	.....	187	187	
.....	11	.....	.....	420	420	
2½	.....	.....	.....	95	95	
35	.....	.....	3,071	904	3,975	
.....	7	2	2,069	858	2,927	
28	.....	.....	.....	1,357	1,357	
4	.....	.....	.....	99	99	
12	.....	.....	.....	285	285	
4	.....	.....	.....	715	715	
8	.....	.....	.....	780	780	
.....	.....	.....	.....	4,338	4,338	
29¼	.....	.....	5,175	711	5,886	
.....	16	.....	.....	482	482	
.....	2	4	.....	110	110	
.....	4	8	.....	319	319	
.....	8	.....	.....	150	150	
.....	7	.....	.....	162	162	
.....	10	.....	.....	260	260	
.....	8	.....	.....	144	144	
.....	27½	4	.....	1,294	1,294	
329¼	100½	27	10,772	24,743	35,515	
.....	.....	5				
.....	.....	8				
.....	2	12				
.....	.....	6				
.....	.....	4				
.....	.....	11				
1	.....	4½				
6	.....	16½				
6	.....	10	.....	2,554	2,554	
.....	.....	2				
.....	.....	2½				
.....	.....	4				
.....	.....	5				
2	.....	8½				
3½	.....	.....				
.....	.....	5				
.....	2	.....				
.....	.....	3½				
18½	4	107½				
					2,554	

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O.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, COOCH BEHAR STATE.

List of contribution works for 1908-1909.

Item No.	Names of works.	Amount of Estimate.	State grant.	Amount of contribution.	Expenditure during the year.	Expenditure up to date.	Balance available on the 31st March 1909	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1	Bagmara well	500	.....	500 0 0	85 5 4	420 9 5	79 6 7	
2	Thora'khana drain	1,155	700	455 0 0	.....	686 15 6	468 0 6	
3	Pucca well at Nilkuti	1,419	.....	1,415 5 3	.....	1,389 11 3	25 10 0	
4	Purchase of steam Roller	10,000	.....	10,000 0 0	.....	9,985 9 7	14 6 5	
5	Chemical benches and gas fittings in the Victoria College.	5,279	3,529	1,750 0 0	824 11 4	4,469 13 2	809 2 10	
6	Clearing jungles in the Rajganpara	300	.....	300 0 0	.....	193 2 9	106 13 3	
7	Metalling town roads at Mathabhanga	3,067	.....	3,067 0 0	1,223 2 2	2,733 13 3	333 2 9	
8	Assam Shooting Camp	2,368-3-3	.....	2,368 3 3	682 3 9	2,368 3 3	.....	
9	Panchasala at Mathabhanga	4,000	.....	4,000 0 0	426 11 4	1,454 4 10	2,545 11 2	
10	Corrugated Iron shed at Dewangunjhat	1,500	.....	1,500 0 0	1,386 10 6	1,498 4 0	1 12 0	
11	Shahebgunj drain	1,169	.....	1,169 0 0	203 0 0	191 1 10	977 14 2	
12	Culvert on the nulla at Buxirhat	400	.....	400 0 0	399 4 6	399 4 6	0 11 6	
13	Shooting Camp at Sil Torsa	169-3-3	.....	169 3 3	14 14 3	169 3 3	.....	
14	Pucca well close to Babu Bepin Behary Sarker's house at Tufangunj.	160	.....	160 0 0	150 5 9	150 5 9	9 10 3	
15	Ditto on the Jote of Babu Sosi Bhusan Roy ...	176	88	44 0 0	120 8 0	120 8 0	11 8 0	
16	Additional Corrugated Iron roofed house for Mathabhanga Higher English School.	2,101	.....	2,101 0 0	2,011 9 4	2,011 9 4	89 6 8	
17	Eating shed for Mathabhanga Boarding	765	.....	765 0 0	742 5 10	742 5 10	22 10 2	
18	Pucca well at Manabary	200	.....	200 0 0	.....	.....	200 0 0	
19	Mathabhanga Boarding	1,000	.....	700 0 0	404 0 3	404 0 3	295 15 9	
20	Shooting Camp at Assam	.....	.....	3,506 11 6	3,366 8 6	3,366 8 6	140 3 0	
21	Pucca well at Natabari	160	.....	150 0 0	56 9 1	56 9 1	93 6 11	
22	Well in the Mathabhanga Lock-up	.....	.....	60 0 0	1 9 0	1 9 0	58 7 0	
23	Pucca well by the side of Lowkuty Road, Tufangunj Town	.....	.....	160 0 0	.....	.....	160 0 0	
24	Pucca well at Ranirhat	431	.....	431 0 0	50 0 0	50 0 0	381 0 0	
	Total ...	.....	4,317	35,371 7 3	11,161 6 11	32,863 8 4	6,824 14 11	

PUBLIC WORKS' DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chaklajat Public Works for 1908-1909.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1907-08.		Expenditure for 1908-09.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings	4,785 9 11		3,754 0 8	
Total ...		4,785 9 11		3,754 0 8
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	3,415 2 4		4,150 13 2	
Communications	50 0 0		64 12 0	
Miscellaneous	.....		19 0 0	
Total ...		3,465 2 4		4,234 9 2
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingencies.	927 12 9		1,011 13 0	
Total ...		927 12 9		1,011 13 0
GRAND TOTAL ...		9,178 9 0		9,000 6 10

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CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajat for the year 1908-1909.

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1907-1908.			Expenditure for 1908-1909.			REMARKS.
	Original Works.—*Civil Buildings.*	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
1	Barkandaze's shed	748	7	3	.....			
2	Corrugated iron roofed out-houses Bodeswari Temple.	1,466	6	5	.....			
3	Corrugated iron roofed Teshil Kutchery at Sonahar.	1,238	2	9	.....			
4	Corrugated iron roofed Tehsil Kutchery at Chandrahata (Ghoraghat).	1,332	9	6	.....			
5	Corrugated iron roofed sub-kutchery at Bharbery.	.....			1,086	6	9	
6	Corrugated iron roofed sub-kutchery at Tetalya.	.....			853	5	10	
7	Subscription towards construction of a Building for the Higher English School at Debigunj.	.....			1,400	0	0	
8	Reconstruction of Gopinath Bigraha's Ghar.	.....			65	0	0	
9	Thakurghur at Purbabhag ...	.....			319	4	1	
	Total Orgl. Works ...	4,785	9	11	3,754	0	8	
	Repairs.—*Civil Buildings.*							
10	Amlahs' Quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	69	13	0	122	12	9	
11	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	776	4	6	1,055	14	4	
12	Dispensary and Native Doctor's Quarter at Debigunj.	135	8	9	115	0	0	
13	Manager's Residence at Debigunj ...	427	8	9	442	10	0	
14	Ditto Office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	89	5	8	12	12	0	
15	Ditto ditto Debigunj...	392	2	6	466	6	9	
16	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	69	10	9	49	12	8	
17	Philkhana and Mahoots' Quarters...	25	4	0	45	10	0	
18	Repairs to Panga Tehsil Kutchery...	349	2	0	455	10	0	
19	Rungpur Toke Kutchery ...	522	8	1	586	4	0	
20	School Buildings in the Estates ...	76	12	0	98	10	0	
21	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram.	78	1	0	323	7	6	
22	Temples at Boda, Patgram and Purbabhag.	403	1	9	875	15	7	
23	Total Repairs, Civil Buildings ...	3,415	2	4	4,150	13	2	
	Communications.							
24	Station Road	50	0	0	64	12	0	
	Total Communications ...	50	0	0	64	12	0	
	Miscellaneous.							
25	Tanggi Bund Tanks and Wells ...	.....			19	0	0	
	Total Miscellaneous ...	.....			19	0	0	
	Establishment.							
62	Sub-overseers at Rs. 35 and peon at Rs. 7 per mensem.	372	0	0	504	0	0	
27	Travelling & Contingencies ...	447	12	9	399	13	0	
28	Chowkidars and Sweepers for Patgram Dak-Bungalow.	108	0	0	108	0	0	
	Total Establishment...	927	12	9	1,011	13	0	
	Grand Total ...	9,178	9	0	9,000	6	10	

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TABLE Q.—*Shewing particulars of morbidity, numerical cases treated as in-patients in the various hospitals in the State.*

NAMES OF DISEASES.	SUDDER HOSPITAL.		DINHATA HOSPITAL.		MATHABHANGA HOSPITAL.		MEKLIGUNJ HOSPITAL.		TUFANGUNJ HOSPITAL.		HALDIBARI HOSPITAL.		TOTAL NO. OF CASES TREATED IN-PATIENT HOSPITALS.		[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.		
Small-pox ...	12	2	2	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	14·28	100·00
Cholera ...	5	...	...	...	5	3	1	...	2	1	...	...	13	4	30·78	42·85
Dysentery ...	24	6	8	5	3	...	8	...	2	...	[illegible]	...	46	11	23·91	15·20
Malarial fever	76	10	70	5	44	1	45	...	56	2	[illegible]	5	315	21	6·73	2·66
Debility and anæmia.	11	4	3	...	4	...	1	...	7	...	4	2	30	6	20·00	29·41
Tubercular diseases.	3	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	1	7	3	42·85	...
All other general diseases	6	3	...	...	5	2	...	...	1	...	6	1	18	6	33·33	...
Diseases of the Lungs.	15	4	5	1	1	1	...	...	7	...	3	1	31	7	22·58	22·22
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	7	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	13	1	7·69	5·00
Diarrhœa ...	6	3	2	...	5	...	4	1	2	...	5	2	25	6	24·00	4·16
Diseases of the Liver.	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	5	1	20·00	...
Diseases of the Spleen.	19	3	3	...	..	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	28	3	10·71	...
Diseases of the Urinary system.	9	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	12	1	8·33	...
Diseases of the organs of Locomotion	7	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	3	...	11	1	9·09	...
Ulcers ..	41	2	6	1	6	...	5	...	4	...	4	...	66	3	4·54	4·25
All other local diseases.	35	3	8	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	55	3	5·45	14·63
General injuries	4	1	.	...		.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	25·00	100·00
Local injuries	36	1	47	..	28	..	15	...	23	..	19	...	168	1	0·59	21·42
Total ...	319	47	156	13	111	7	81	1	121	3	70	10	858	81	9·44	7·06

TABLE R.—*Shewing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.*

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily number of In-patients	Average daily number of Out-patients.
1908-1909.					
Sudder Dispensary	357	9,835	10,192	14·59	64·92
Dinhata "	162	6,448	6,610	4·51	78·90
Mathabhanga "	115	4,555	4,670	3·94	36·45
Mekligunj "	91	3,330	3,421	2·05	23·25
Tufangunj "	125	3,987	4,115	3·35	20·98
Haldibari "	80	7,007	7,087	3·37	55·09
Shitalkhuchi "	.....	3,517	3,517	.....	33·23
State Jail Hospital	102	.....	102	1·66	.....
Police and Military Hospital	280	.....	280	4·73	.....
Philkhana and Stables	.....	978	978	.....	2·67
Total ...	1,315	39,657	40,972	38·11	315·49
1907-1908.					
Sudder Dispensary	368	8,907	9,275	14·98	69·48
Dinhata "	121	5,151	5,272	3·61	57·63
Mathabhanga "	97	3,970	4,067	2·56	33·43
Mekligunj "	84	3,300	3,384	1·97	23·14
Tufangunj "	113	3,916	4,029	2·88	23·57
Haldibari "	.....	6,156	6,156	.....	46·95
Shitalkhuchi "	.....	3,691	3,691	.....	30·95
State Jail Hospital	135	.....	135	3·54	.....
Police and Military Hospital	240	.....	240	5·81	.....
Philkhana and Stables	.....	92	92	.....	1·53
Total ...	1,158	35,183	36,341	35·35	286·78

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TABLE S.

List of Major operations and their results performed in the Cooch Behar Sudder Charitable Hospital for the year 1908-09.

Number of operations.	Names of disease.	Cured.	Relieved or Discharged	Died.	Nature of operations.
3	Abscess (Scrotum)	2	1	..	Opened.
2	„ Gluteal)	...	1	1	Ditto.
1	„ (Thigh)	...	1	...	Ditto.
2	„ (Back)...	1	1	...	Ditto.
2	„ (Mammary)	2	...	...	Ditto
2	„ (Ischio-Rectal)	1	1	...	Ditto
1	„ (Shoulder)	1	...	...	Ditto
5	Cataract	4	1	...	Lens extracted.
1	Dislocation compound of radius with extensive wounds.	1	...	...	Arm amputated.
1	Fracture compound (forearm) ...	1	...	...	Excision of bone and putting up of fracture.
1	Ditto (leg)	1	...	...	Amputation leg
1	Foreign body deep (chest)	1	...	...	Extracted.
9	Hydrocele	9	...	...	Cutting operation for radical cure.
1	Injury leg and thigh	...	...	1	Amputation thigh.
1	Penetrating wound of chest and abdomen ...	...	...	1	Stomack opened, stritched and replaced.
1	Perenial Extravasation of urine ...	...	...	1	Symis perineal section
1	Sinus deep (Thigh)	1	...	...	Enlarged and scraped.
1	Suppurative joint	1	...	...	Opened.
2	Synovitis knee	1	1	...	Aspirated.
1	Tumour (fibroma)	1	..	...	Removed.
1	S. Ulcer (chronic)	1	...	...	Scraped.
1	Abscess axilla	1	...	...	Opened.
1	„ Cold (abdominal parietis) ...	1	..	...	Opened.
42	Total ...	31	7	4	

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DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	Out-door patients.		In-door patients		Result of Treatment of In-door patients.					Total.	Total of out and in-door patients.	
	1907-1908.	1908-09.	1907-1908	1908-09	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Remaining.		1907-08.	1908-09.
General Diseases.												
Small-pox	1	2	2	14	10	.....	.....	2	2	14	3	16
Malarial fever, ague and remittent ...	10,423	13 749	273	312	254	24	10	21	3	312	10,696	14,061
Cholera	1	29	7	13	7	1	1	4	.....	13	8	42
Rheumatic affections	1,017	1,072	17	11	8	1	1	.....	1	11	1,034	1,083
Syphilitic ditto	160	159	7	19	10	5	3	.....	1	19	167	178
Local Diseases.												
Goitre	1,482	1,355	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,482	1,355
Respiratory affections...	1,701	1,705	20	13	10	1	1	1	.....	13	1,721	1,718
Dysentery	635	748	53	46	29	2	3	11	1	46	688	794
Diarrhœa	665	706	24	25	16	3	.....	6	.....	25	689	7,031
Worms	958	991	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	958	991
Spleen	976	1,595	17	28	13	11	.....	3	1	28	993	1,623
Skin diseases	5,320	4,647	5	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5,325	4,649

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TABLE U.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

		1908-1909.	1907-1908.
Total vaccinated		21,211	18,227
Males		12,111	10,207
Females		9,100	8,020
Christians		.....	.....
Hindoos		14,799	12,679
Mahomedans		6,257	5,309
Other castes		155	239
Under one year		6,422	5,744
Above one year		14,789	12,483
Successful — Out of 4 points	4	5,828	4,819
	3	2,269	1.599
	2	4,694	4,794
	1	1,589	1,145
Successful — Out of 2 points	2	4,925	4,483
	1	1,122	846
Unsuccessful		373	173
Unknown		411	368
Total successful cases		20,800	17,859
Percentage of do.		98·06	97·98

TABLE V.

Shewing rate per cent. of sex and class treated in the Dispensaries.

	Males.		Females		Children		Mahomedans		Hindoos.		Eurasians		Europeans.		Other castes.	
	1907-1908.	1908-1909	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1907-1908.	1908-1909	1907-1908	1908-1909	1907-1908.	1908-1909.	1907-1908.	1908-1909	1907-1908.	1908-1909	1907-1908	1908-1909
In-door	89 81	89 17	6 77	9 00	3 45	1 82	29 41	25·40	70 83	76 63	.	. .	....	..	0·36	0·10
Out-door	65 11	83 93	10 75	11 26	24 13	24 80	34 50	35 77	65 19	63 86	0·008	0·002	0·008	0·03	0·29	0·32

TABLE W.

Shewing average population, sick and death rate of the Jail Hospital.

		1908-1909	1907-1908.
1.	Average population of the Sudder Jail ...	83·71	91·29
2.	Admission on account of sickness ...	102	135
3.	Average sick ...	1·66	3·54
4	Deaths ...	2	1
5.	Percentage of deaths ...	1·96	0·74

TABLE X.

Showing the sick and death rate of the Police and Military Hospitals.

Year	Daily average of strength.	POLICE. Percentage of Strength			MILITARY. Percentage of Strength.			Daily sick.
		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.	Daily average of strength.	Admission.	Death.	
1908-09 ...	245·84	46 77	0 86	2·37	150·86	102·89	0·60	2·36
1907-08 ...	240·89	32 79	.....	2·32	164·98	97·58	1·24	3·49

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TABLE I

Financial Statement.

Year.	Dispensaries.	Grain compensation allowance	Establishment.	Contingent charges.	Travelling allowances.	Postage.	Diet.	Clothing and beddings.	Furniture.	Disposal of the dead.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each diet.	Cost of medicines purchased and distributed to others.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1908-1909	Sudder Dispensary	.....	7,316 4 11	1,093 12 10	.....	.....	787 1 3	169 10 0	21 4 9	36 0 0	149 14 6	9,574 0 3	0 2 4·55	3,498 15 0	505 10 3	371 1 6	20 7 6
	Dinhata „	.....	925 11 1	77 14 4	18 6 6	3 11 0	297 3 11	5 4 3	21 7 7	7 8 0	.....	1,357 2 5	0 2 10·58	.....	45 14 0	51 13 6	1 10 6
	Mathabhanga ...	.....	896 3 0	84 9 9	42 6 6	4 6 6	253 13 3	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	1,285 7 0	0 2 11·83	.....	90 6 0	126 1 6	8 12 0
	Mekliganj „ ...	.....	1,114 3 10	44 5 6	27 2 6	5 6 0	102 9 2	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,294 11 0	0 2 0	.....	24 10 6	30 0 9	2 2 6
	Toofangunj „ ...	.....	912 0 0	52 8 0	53 4 0	3 15 6	200 14 7	.....	.....	2 0 0	.....	1,224 10 1	0 2 6	.....	38 15 0	65 9 3	0 5 6
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	.....	691 10 3	68 10 0	136 15 6	3 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900 7 3	.....	.....	0 6 9	1 7 3	0 4 0
	Haldibari „ ...	.....	1,335 14 0	63 8 3	4 0 0	4 0 0	156 2 1	18 15 0	.....	8 0 0	.....	1,690 7 4	0 2 5	.....	10 14 6	46 0 9	1 11 6
1907-1908	Sudder Dispensary	125 0 0	6,646 1 3	605 11 11	.....	.....	868 4 0	.....	98 14 5	29 0 0	149 0 3	8,521 15 10	0 2 6·48	3,597 0 0	370 5 9	231 6 3	20 8 6
	Dinhata „ ...	41 0 0	917 0 0	57 14 3	4 14 0	3 8 0	226 14 3	.....	.....	7 0 0	.....	1,258 2 6	0 2 9·32	.....	40 9 0	26 15 0	1 0 6
	Mathabhanga ...	31 0 0	852 0 0	104 4 0	15 8 0	4 12 6	150 1 7	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	1,161 10 1	0 2 6·91	.....	73 15 0	60 1 6	1 9 0
	Mekliganj „ ...	41 0 0	1,272 0 0	32 12 7	7 0 0	5 4 9	101 6 6	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,460 7 10	0 2 0	.....	24 5 0	21 15 6	5 10 0
	Toofangunj „ ...	41 0 0	852 0 0	105 1 9	20 14 0	4 1 9	151 13 4	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,180 14 10	0 2 8	.....	21 14 0	35 7 6	9 8 0
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	8 0 0	652 10 8	42 12 0	.....	2 14 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	706 5 2	.....	.....	1 11 6	6 15 3	.....
	Haldibari ...	18 0 0	1,176 0 0	27 2 6	2 0 0	3 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,226 10 6	.....	.....	16 9 6	69 11 0	0 14 0

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Months.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900	1900-1901	1901-02.	1902-03.	1903-04.	1904-05.	1905-06.	1906-07.	1907-08.	1908-09.	Total.	Average.	Remarks.
April ...	8·20	2·25	10·45	4·84	4·10	12·42	15·72	5·18	4·80	1·86	6·84	4·16	5·25	4·32	6·76	...	11·83	3·63	0·20	11·94	1·42	126·17	6·00	
May ...	11·63	10·60	7·07	15·93	46·22	7·20	16·20	13·64	18·18	23·39	12·73	8·42	15·23	7·91	16·80	10·99	22·96	12·40	20·52	14·65	27·52	340·19	16·19	
June ...	33·09	27·79	47·90	20·23	29·39	22·10	27·00	13·06	50·44	14·65	39·78	42·54	19·81	30·13	27·64	39·16	13·85	52·04	39·49	22·84	28·36	641·29	30·53	
July ...	21·90	41·47	29·58	27·37	41·05	40·13	6·88	56·16	26·37	23·98	12·81	25·53	27·36	18·89	38·68	22·54	23·26	23·96	44·36	57·19	23·32	632·79	30·13	
August ...	14·38	46·70	45·32	8·02	39·97	17·89	18·56	15·90	5·83	13·33	11·89	22·65	5·58	29·01	28·66	26·61	26·18	67·06	51·74	30·18	7·79	533·05	25·38	
September ...	8·14	16·19	29·83	10·87	12·70	20·00	35·31	14·06	21·21	35·90	37·45	21·99	14·21	14·53	51·46	29·63	18·33	18·42	12·16	48·81	35·03	506·26	24·10	
October ...	1·56	2·50	12·49	1·76	0·33	7·22	10·84	1·51	0·85	6·81	1·81	2·59	1·17	1·40	2·95	3·03	15·51	6·47	14·92	2·67	1·72	100·11	4·76	
November ...	1·60	0·40	...	...	1·20	0·26	...	...	...	0·05	0·30	...	...	0·63	...	...	0·12	...	...	...	...	4·56	0·21	
December ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·07	...	0·05	...	...	0 33	...	...	...	...	...	0·43	...	0·23	...	1·11	0·05	
January ...	2·62	0·55	0·18	...	0·53	...	...	0·43	...	0·22	0·69	...	0·73	...	0·22	0·04	...	...	...	0·16	0·04	6·41	0·30	
February ...	2·55	...	1·89	0·40	0·83	0·17	0·03	...	0·26	0·99	0·08	0·15	1·36	...	0·12	1·69	0·69	1·93	0·68	0·49	0·14	14·45	0·68	
March ...	0·15	0·13	2·67	1·27	2·85	0·24	0·36	...	2·45	0·11	2·44	2·59	0·64	4·92	1·92	...	2·59	2·44	2·41	0·65	...	30·83	1·46	
Total ...	105·82	148·58	187·41	90·69	179·17	127·63	130·77	119·94	130·44	121·29	126·82	130·95	91·34	111·74	175·21	133·69	135·52	188·78	186·48	189·81	125·34	2937·22	139·86	

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FROM

RAI CALICA DOSS DUTT BAHADUR, C.I.E.,

DEWAN OF THE STATE, COOCH BEHAR,

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR OF

COOCH BEHAR IN COUNCIL.

Dated, Darjeeling, the 24th July, 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

BESIDES my work as a member of the State Council, I had, as stated in my last Annual Report, control of the Debutter Department and a portion of the Household Department after I had been relieved of the charge of the Revenue Department. I beg to report as follows on the work done during the last year in the departments referred to above.

2. Babu Rajani Kanta Bhowmick, M.A., B.L., Officiating Duar Muktear, relieved Babu Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., and was in charge of the Duar Office during the year.

3. Under the orders of Your Highness the charge of the Toshakhana with all its valuables was made over to Mr. B. Ghose, who was in charge of Your Highness' office at the time, and to Mr. J. N. Ray, Aide-de-Camp, jointly on the 15th of May 1908, and all the servants attached to the Toshakhana were placed under their orders. Mr. J. N. Ray was also entrusted with the duty of distributing allowances amongst the ladies of the Raj Andar and making certain other payments.

4. The total amount disbursed during the year of report by the Duar Muktear in the Household Department on account of allowances to ladies of the Palace, Rajgans, Brahmins and others, and of Establishment charges, Contingencies, Donations, &c., was Rs. 61,778 against Rs. 75,991 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 14,213. This net decrease in payments made on account of Household in the Duar Office is chiefly due to the facts of the officer in charge of the Toshakhana having been authorised to separately draw certain monies as stated above, and of certain charges for establishment having been transferred to Debutter. There was at the same time some increase owing to increases in the allowances of the Rajgans. The difficulties into which they had been thrown owing to the rise in the prices of food-grains met with the sympathetic and generous consideration of Your Highness and increases were granted all around. The remittance made by the Treasury direct did not pass through the Duar Muktear's books and are not included in the amount shown above.

5. The total disbursements in the Debutter Department amounted to Rs. 37,470 against Rs. 33,204 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 4,266. This is chiefly due to increase in Establishment charges caused by the transfer of some of these charges from Household to Debutter under Your Highness' orders. It should be noted here also that increases were granted to ministerial officers in both the Debutter and the Household Department, as to other officers of the same class in other departments.

British districts; on no other occasion were the gatherings so large. The budget grant for the purpose was supplemented by grants from the Revenue Department and the Town Committee, each contributing Rs. 250; some savings of the Debutter Budget were also utilised. There was a large increase in Railway earnings for the days the Rash festival continued.

12. Altogether 43,671 persons, on or an average 119 persons per diem, received their food in the three Thakurbaries in the town of Cooch Behar; the relief thus obtained by many poor people at a time when prices of food-grains were high was great. The number of persons fed at the Anandamoyi Dharmasala was 2,341 against 2,389 of the previous year; amongst them were many Pandits and other persons belonging to the *Bhadralogue* class who had to be lodged there. A monthly subscription of Rs. 25 has been sanctioned by Your Highness for the Cooch Behar Anathasram from the budget allotment of the Dharmasala. Your Highness has also given a piece of land rent-free in the town of Cooch Behar to this institution, on which the trustees propose to build a suitable house for the accommodation of the orphans.

13. Babu Rajani Kanta Bhowmick, M.A. B.L., is a very energetic and zealous officer; he exercised close supervision over the work done in the Thakurbaries and the Dharmasala.

14. The State Agent in Benares disbursed Rs. 13,277-12-8 against Rs. 13,075 of the previous year on account of allowances to persons residing in Benares, Puja expenses of Thakurs, Establishment charges and up-keep of the State houses. The Nahabatkhana has been completed. Babu Syama Charan Sanyal, State Agent, still continues to discharge his duties satisfactorily and to command the respect of the orthodox Hindu community in Benares.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servant,

CALICA DOSS DUTT,

Dewan of the State, Cooch Behar.

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BABU BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI, M.A., B.L.,

REVENUE OFFICER OF THE COOCH BEHAR STATE,

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, 15th July 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1908-09.

2. Excepting for a period of three months from the 9th September, when I was on privilege leave and Babu Priya Nath Datta, M.A., B.L., Civil and Sessions Judge, acted for me, I was in charge of the department throughout the year.

3. There was no special settlement establishment during the year. The report has, therefore, been divided into the following four sections :—

I.—Land Revenue.
II.—Excise Revenue.
III.—Treasury and Stamp Revenue.
IV.—Miscellaneous.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

4. The table given below compares the demands, collections and balances of Land Revenue for the last seven years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.							BALANCE.				REMARKS.
		Bakeya or arrear demand.										
	Hal or current demand.	Amount of balance shown in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrear demand.	Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1902-1903 ..	13,48,540	30,303	4,493	34,796	13,81,336	13,46,912	7,343	9,037	22,615	31,652	4,571	
1903-1904 ..	13,53,285	31,652	2,391	34,043	13,87,328	13,54,479	7,411	7,483	22,819	30,302	4,864	
1904-1905 ..	13,56,730	30,302	1,439	31,741	13,88,521	13,62,351	6,257	7,273	18,037	25,310	5,397	
1905-1906 ..	13,65,490	25,310	1,069	26,399	13,91,889	13,71,137	4,755	5,967	14,145	20,112	4,115	
1906-1907 ...	13,74,497	20,112	1,[illegible]	22,110	13,96,607	13,66,141	5,948	5,396	23,218	29,114	4,598	
1907-1908 ...	13,83,495	29,114	1,856	30,972	14,14,467	13,93,895	8,027	4,360	13,510	17,870	5,325	
1908-1909 ..	13,93,148	17,870	1,251	19,121	14,12,269	13,94,480	4,282	3,013	15,[illegible]	18,849	4,792	

5. It will be seen that the current demand, which amounted to Rs. 13,83,495 in 1907-08, rose to Rs. 13,93,148 in the year under report, shewing a net increase of Rs. 9,653. The gross increase, however, amounted to Rs. 18,867 and the gross decrease to Rs. 9,214. Details are shewn in the statements Nos. I and II hereto appended. For the sake of convenience of reference these details are summarised in the following table:—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of time-expired jotes	428			
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of the town of Cooch Behar ...	880			
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of relinquished jotes, Rs. 613 ...	4,143	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	684	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Khas jotes and other lands in the ordinary way, Rs. 3,530		Decrease due to cancellation of leases of bad jotes, Rs. 509 ...	1,848	
		Decrease due to reduction on account of diluvion, Rs. 598 ..		
		Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes, Rs. 741		
Increase obtained by the settlement at full rates of jotes previously held at half rates	25			
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals	13,333	Decrease due to falling off in revenue for Syrat Mehals ...	6,610	
Increase due to miscellaneous causes	58	Decrease due to miscellaneous causes	72	
Total ...	18,867			
Deduct decrease ...	9,214			
Net increase ...	9,653	Total ...	9.214	

The figures speak for themselves and show how after deducting the decreases due to relinquishment and cancellation of leases of bad jotes and even those on account of diluvion and acquisition of lands for public purposes, which the Jotedars are entitled to claim and the State is bound to grant under the terms of the Patta, a net increase of Rs. 1,611 was obtained by the re-settlement of jotes abandoned or of jotes made khas in previous years. A net increase of Rs. 6,723, against Rs. 5,970 for the previous year, was also obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat mehals the leases of which had expired during the year under report. The Syrat mehals consist of the Hâts, Ghâts and fisheries (Julkur mehals). The opening of the Railways and the construction of a large number of roads have developed the trade of the country and raised the value of the Syrat mehals considerably. As stated in my last report the re-settlement of the town of Cooch Behar was concluded with effect from the beginning of 1314 B.S. (1907-08) and an increase of Rs. 2,398 obtained on that account, was entered in the Towji for that year. The amount of Rs. 880 shown in the table given above represents the progressive increase for the town for the last year.

6. The balance at the close of 1907-08 amounted to Rs. 17,870, while that brought forward in the statements for the year under report is Rs. 19,121. The difference represents the amount of increase due to re-settlements concluded with retrospective effect. Together with the current demand of Rs. 13,93,148 the total demand amounted to Rs. 14,12,269, of which Rs. 13,94,480 was collected. The collections exceed the current demand by Rs. 1,332 and the average collections for the five previous years by Rs. 24,879.

The result for each of the five sub-divisions for the last two years is compared in the following table :—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand. Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs,	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1907-08	2,84,790	7,785	2,92,575	2,86,863	100·7	4,662	1·59
	1908-09	2,88,547	4,966	2,93,513	2,89,012	100·1	5,148	1·75
Tufangunj ...	1907-08	1,73,746	2,740	1,76,486	1,75,466	100·99	1,642	·93
	1908-09	1,78,129	1,840	1,80,269	1,78,285	99·8	2,639	1·46
Mekhligunj ...	1907-08	2,15,329	3,322	2,18,651	2,14,181	99·46	4,526	2·06
	1908-09	2,12,541	5,023	2,17,564	2,12,667	100·05	3,430	1·57
Mathabhanga ...	1907-08	3,96,102	14,579	4,10,981	4,02,350	101·50	5,834	1·41
	1908-09	3,97,159	5,930	4,03,38	3,98,359	100·2	5,577	1·18
Dinhata ...	1907-08	3,13,228	2,546	3,15,774	3,15,03[illegible]	100·57	1,206	·38
	1908-09	3,16,171	1,361	3,17,532	3,16,21[illegible]	100·01	1,553	·48
Total ...	1907-08	13,83,495	30,972	14,14,467	13,93,897	100·75	17,870	1·26
	1908-09	13,93,147	19,120	14,12,267	13,94,486	100·09	18,349	1·29

The arrear demand was the largest in Sub-division Mekligunj where the percentage of collection on the current demand rose from 99·4 to 100·0 and that of the balance on the total demand came down from 2·0 to 1·5. The slight falling off in the percentage of collection in all the other places is attributed to the decrease in the arrear demand. It will be seen that the balance at the close of the year, amounting to Rs. 18,349, of which Rs. 3,013 only is out of the arrear demand, is the smallest on record, excepting 1907-08 as compared with which, however, there was an increase of Rs. 479 only. The total amount includes arrears regarding which there are objections as also arrears due from some involved estates under the management of the Court of Wards. Time had, as usual, to be given for various reasons to several defaulting Jotedars to enable them to satisfy the demands against them. The year moreover was not a prosperous one from an agricultural point of view. I am satisfied the collecting officers were indefatigable in their efforts to realise the arrears.

7. The details [illegible] the arrear demand are given below :—

			Rs.
Details regarding the arrear balance shewn at the close of 1907-08.	1.	Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1907-08 ...	17,870
	2.	Amount collected during 1908-09	12,908
	3.	Amount remitted during 1908-09	2,364
	4.	Balance shewn at the close of 1908-09	2,598
	5.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance under heading 4	1,000
Details of arrear balance entered in the Touji during 1908-09.	6.	Amount of balance entered in the Touji during 1908-09...	1,251
	7.	Amount collected during 1908-09	797
	8.	Amount remitted during 1908-09	39
	9.	Balance shewn at the close of 1908-09	415
	10.	Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance under heading 9	.....
	11.	Total balance or total of figures shewn against headings 4 and 9	3,013
	12.	Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the total balance shewn against heading 11	1,000

Besides the remissions shewn against headings 3 and 8 of the above table a sum of Rs. 1,829 was remitted out of the current demand, the total being Rs. 4,232, which was less than the amount for the previous year by Rs. 3,795 and represents ·2 per cent only of the total demand.

8. The total number of jotes borne on the revenue-roll of the State during the year under report was 24,580, of which there were defaults in the payment of revenue on the due dates in regard to 3,501 jotes only. Again of

these defaults, 363 jotes against 430 of the previous year, were actually sold. In a large number of cases the sales were voluntarily brought about by the proprietors themselves with the object of avoiding institution of cases for mutation of names and also of having jotes bought in private sales free from all encumbrances. In 87 cases the sales were annulled under the provisions of the law. The amount of fees and fines realised was Rs. 2,986-10-6, of which Rs. 817-12-7 was paid to the auction purchasers in cases in which the sales were annulled.

9. There were 752 certificates under the Public Demands Recovery Act issued during the year. These together with the 116 cases pending from the previous year made up a total of 868 cases, of which 758 were disposed of and 110 cases remained pending. The total arrears adjusted amounted to Rs. 46,505-6.

10. The total collections as shewn in the Towji amounted to Rs. 13,94,479-10-7; while the amount remitted to the Treasury and credited in the financial accounts was Rs. 13,97,679-8-8. The difference is explained below:—

	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Amount of collections shewn in the Tauji ...		13,94,479	10	7
DEDUCT:—				
Excess payments made in previous years which could not be credited in the Cash Book for the year under report	4,984 11 8			
Balance in hands of collecting officers, which could not be remitted to the Treasury during the year under report	18,852 1 8			
Amount of certain transfer challans credited in the Treasury during the previous year but shewn in the Sub-divisional accounts during the year of report	36 6 7			
		23,873	3	6
		13,70,606	7	1
ADD:—				
Amount of miscellaneous receipts &c., which could not be credited in the Tauji	11,486 13 4			
Communication Improvement Cess which was not credited in the Revenue Tauji	1,900 4 11			
Balance in hands of collecting officers, which could not be remitted to the Treasury during 1907-1908, but was remitted after the commencement of the year of report	15,459 14 6			
		28,847	0	9
Amount credited in the Treasury Cash Book ...		13,99,453	7	10

11. *Canoongoes.*—Babu Jotindra Mohan Sen Gupta, who was acting as a Sub-Naib Ahilkar, reverted to his substantive post of first grade Canoongoe and excepting for a short period of 27 days in September, when he was appointed to act as Assistant Manager, Chaklajat Estates, in charge of the Panga Settlement Operations, was employed at the Sudder throughout the year with the Assistant Canoongoe Babu Tarak Chandra Chakravartti, who during Babu Jotindra Mohan's absence to Panga did the duties both of the Sudder and the Assistant Canoongoe. Second grade Canoongoe Babu Mohendra Nath Adhikari employed at Dinhata, was absent on privilege leave for 2½ months from the 1st July when Amin Sasthi Charan Bhattacharjee was in charge of the current duties of his office. Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed was relieved of the special duties in connection with the demarcation of the boundaries of the Reserve Forests and reverted to his substantive post of Canoongoe of Tufangunj on the 17th April. There were no changes in the other places, Babu Syam Sunder Bhaumick being employed in Mekligunj and Babu Sri Nath Kar in Mathabhanga.

12. Together with the 283 cases pending at the close of the previous year the Canoongoes had a total of 2,469 cases to enquire into. Enquiries were finished in 2,089 cases and 123 cases were returned without enquiry. 257 cases

remained pending at the close of the year. The number enquired into by each officer is given below :—

	Total for enquiry.	Enquired into.
Canoongoe Sudder	318	193
" Dinhata	398	356
" Mekligunj	357	336
" Toofangunj,	680	554
" Mathabhanga	492	444
Asst. Canoongoe, Sudder	224	206
Total ...	2,469	2,089

Besides the ordinary enquiries the Canoongoes had to supervise the re-settlement of a large number of time-expired jotes and Bunders, which under the special orders of Your Highness in Council had been originally settled for a period of 10 years only.

13. Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed, Canoongoe of Tufangunj, continues to work hard and deserves special mention for the large number of cases enquired into by him. He worked well in connection with the demarcation of the boundaries of the Reserve Forests. The relations of Babu Syam Sunder Bhowmik, Canoongoe of Mekligunj, with the Naib Ahilkar of that Sub-division were not satisfactory and I have lately transferred him to the Sudder.

14. *Cases.*—The numbers of cases instituted and disposed of in the different Revenue Courts during the last two years are compared in the following table:—

	Years.	
	1907-08.	1908-09.
Pending from previous year	721	673
Instituted during the year	3,786	4,318
Total ...	4,507	4,991
Disposed of	3,834	4 256
Pending	673	735

Owing to increases in settlement cases and cases for the mutation of names the institutions increased by 532 cases. With this increase the disposals also rose from 3,834 to 4,256.

15. The work done in the different Sub-divisional Courts during the last two years is shewn below :—

Name of Sub-division.		Total for disposal.	Total disposed of.	Percentage disposed of over total for disposal.
Sudder ...	1907-08	1,076	896	83·2
	1908-09	936	749	80·0
Tufangunj ...	1907-08	937	792	84·5
	1908-09	997	800	80·0
Mekligunj ...	1907-08	530	465	87·7
	1908-09	677	591	87·2
Mathabhanga ...	1907-08	889	784	84·1
	1908-09	1,113	981	88·1
Dinhata ...	1907-08	745	607	81·4
	1908-09	761	843	87·7

There are satisfactory improvements at Dinhata and Mathabhanga. The falling off in the percentage at Tufangunj is attributed to the institution of a large number of cases towards the close of the year for the settlement of lands excluded by Your Highness from the Reserve Forests. At the Sudder also a large number of cases was instituted towards the close of the year which chiefly accounts for the increase in the percentage there.

16. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—Babu Satis Chandra Banerji, B.L., continued to work as State Pleader.

There were no Civil cases during the year in which the State was a party.

17. *Nezarat.*—The work done by the Department during the last two years is compared in the table given below:—

YEAR.	Processes served free of cost.	Processes for realisation of revenue for which fees are to be realised afterwards.	Processes for which fees have been realised	Total number of processes served.	Amount of earnings.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
1907-1908	3,623	1,149	54,84	10,256	5,395 0 0	5,670 0 0
1908 1909	4,159	1,324	61,72	11,655	5,750 0 0	6,617 0 0

Owing chiefly to increase in Istahars for the settlement of Syrat mehals, which are served free of cost as also in processes for the recovery of arrears of revenue the total number of processes served by the Nezarat rose from 10,256 in 1907-08 to 11,655 in the year of report, resulting in an increase in the earnings from Rs. 5,395 to Rs. 5,750. Your Highness in Council was pleased to raise the pay of the peons all round by Re. 1 each. This accounts for the increase of Rs. 947 under Expenditure. If the large amount of miscellaneous work which the peons have to do and which can not conveniently be shewn in the statements be taken into consideration the above increase of Rs. 947 will not appear to be large.

Babu Kali Kumar Chatterjee, Nazir, continued to work satisfactorily.

18. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current cess demand for the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,938 against Rs. 1,947 of the previous year, shewing a net decrease of Rs. 9. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 16 the total demand amounted to Rs. 1,954, of which inclusive of an excess payment of Rs. 111, Rs. 2,008 was collected and Rs. 2 remitted. There was a balance of Rs. 55 at the close of the year. Under the orders of Your Highness in Council a revaluation of the Lakheraj and Mokarari holdings was made during the year. There was an increase of Rs. 26 and a decrease of Rs. 3; there was a further decrease of Rs. 32 owing to the resumption and settlement at ordinary rates of the extensive Petbhata Mehals of Kumar Mukunda Narayan who died during the year. There was thus a net decrease of Rs. 9 as stated above.

19. *Miscellaneous work.*—The miscellaneous work done by the Revenue Department during the last two years is shewn in the following table:—

YEAR.	Number of petitions received	Number of papers on which orders were passed	Number of Rubocaries recorded	Number of notices and other Parwanahs issued.	Number of English letters addressed.	Value of stamps sold.
						Rs. A. P.
1907-1908	11,952	10,597	990	14,721	11,381	7,907 5 0
1908-1909	13,919	10,813	929	17,856	11,589	8,781 14 0

The increase in cases as stated in paragraph 14 as also the operations connected with the revaluation of the Lakheraj and Mokarari mehals, which were carried on during the year for the purposes of the Cess Act, account for the increase in the number of petitions received and of other papers dealt with by the department as well as in the number of notices issued. To the increase in petitions again is attributable the increase of Rs. 824-9 in the value of stamps sold. The variations under the other two heads call for no particular remarks.

20. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The total quantity of rainfall registered at the Sudder station during the year of report was 125·34 inches,

against 189·81 of the previous year shewing a decrease of 64·47 inches. It was also less than the average of the five previous years by 41·48 inches. The fall was thus inadequate. The distribution also was not even. There were seasonable showers from January to April which enabled the ryots to prepare their fields and cultivate Bitri or early rice, but the heavy fall of 27·50 inches in May followed by the insufficient rains of August, amounting to 7·79 inches only, interfered both with the cultivation and steeping of jute. The outturn of Bitri may be estimated at 12 annas and that of jute at about 9 annas only in the average

21. Haimanti or the late rice fared worse last year than in the year previous. There were good showers till the middle of July and no difficulty was experienced in preparing seed-beds and raising seedlings. But the rains almost ceased towards the latter part of the month and as stated above 7·79 inches only fell in August. The result was that the seedlings withered to a great extent and though with the heavy showers in September fresh seedlings were raised and transplantation was carried on vigorously, there was an abrupt cessation of the rains afterwards and the plants did not thrive. The outturn was, therefore, poor and did not exceed 9 annas The want of rains in the winter affected the tobacco plants and there was also some injury done by insects in parts of Mathabhanga. The outturn is estimated at 10 annas only.

22. The price of common rice continued high. It never went below Rs 4-2 a maund and rose upto even Rs. 6-4 The jute market was dull, the highest price being Rs. 7-8 and the lowest Rs. 5. This seriously affected the people who in expectation of better prices had incurred heavy liabilities but as these were never obtained had large stores left with them. The only redeeming feature was the further improvement in the tobacco market, the price rising even to Rs. 20 a maund. The lowest price was Rs. 8, but this was for a short time only. There was not much change in the price of mustard-seeds and of the oil, it being Rs. 4-8 and Rs. 12 a maund respectively.

23. The dullness of the jute market and the failure of the Haimanti paddy, affected the prosperity of the part of the country in which jute was more extensively cultivated. But better prices were obtained for tobacco and the prices of food-grains continued high. The people could thus on the whole tide over their difficulties. As in previous years the landless classes and the people with fixed incomes suffered most. As the result of the proposals of the Salary Committee Your Highness in Council has lately been graciously pleased to revise the scales of pay and grant increases to the ministerial officers of the State. The kindness thus shewn to these deserving officers has been gratefully appreciated by them.

24. Cholera and small-pox raged more or less in an epidemic form in parts of Sub-divisions Mekligunj and Mathabhanga. Otherwise the health of the people was generally good.

25. *Emigration.*—The numbers of people who emigrated from, and immigrated into, the State during the last two years are given below :—

	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
	1908-09.	
Sudder	17	24
Tufangunj	8	13
Mekligunj	313	332
Mathabhanga	160	217
Dinhata	84	59
Total ...	582	645
Total for 1907-08 ...	474	629

The immigrants exceeded the emigrants by 53 people.

26. *Tour.*—I inspected the Sub-divisional offices at Mekligunj, Dinhata and Mathabhanga and the office of the Manager of the Chaklajat Estates at Debigunj. I also saw the Tehsil offices at Patgram and Haldibari, the Tehsil and the Settlement office at Panga, the Bunders at Dewanhat, Bamanhat and Gitaldah and the Chaklajat Muktear's office at Jalpaiguri. I was out for 41 days.

27. The number of days for which each Naib Ahilkar was out on tour is given below :—

Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., as Malcutchery N. Ahilkar	6 days	32 days
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, ditto ...	26 day	
Babu Narasinha Ch. Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...		60 „
„ Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahilkar, Mekhligunj		56 „
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga		36 „
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar Dinhata ...		54 „

28. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—During the year under report the charge of the estate of the late Babu Rati Deb Buxi was given up and that of the estate of minor Bhagabati Charan Bose of the town of Cooch Behar was taken over by the Court of Wards. The number of estates under its management thus continued to be 18. The results of management for the last two years are compared in the following table :—

Year.	Current demand of State revenue and of rents due to superior landlords	Arrear demand of rents due to the estates.	Current demand of rents due to the estates.	Rent collections.	Miscellaneous receipts	Disbursements including cost of management.	Investments.	Debts on the estates.	Cash in hand.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1907-08 ...	1,02,289*	1,62,235	1,55,478	1,64,560	84,258	2,40,787	2,36,726	1,29,642	12.093
Deduct figures for the estate of Rati Deb Buxi released.	13,801	12,677	21,288	21,304	1,200	24,287	27	5,238	348
Net for 1907-08	88,488	1,34,558	1,34,190	1,43,256	83,058	2,16,500	2,36,699	1,24,404	11,745
1908-09 ...	87,755	1,27,606	1,32,985	1,28,038	1,02,070	2,20,406	2 36,065	1,23,527	21,447
Add figures for the estate of minor Bhagabati Charan Bose.	1,773	759	2,445	1,596	233	1,595	20	664	47†
Total for 1907-08.	89,528	1,28,365	1,35,430	1,29,634	1,02,303	2,22,001	2,36,085	1,24,191	21,494

* There were clerical mistakes in figure in the last year's report which have been corrected.

† This is exclusive of Rs. 187 disbursed by the proprietor before delivery of charge to the Courts of Wards.

Owing chiefly to new settlements the current demand of State revenue due from and that of rents due to the estates increased. But the outturn of Haimanti paddy fell below the average and the dullness of the jute market seriously affected ryots living in talooks in which jute was extensively grown. The result was that the collections fell short of the current demand by Rs. 5,796. There was a slight increase of Rs. 233 under miscellaneous receipts and the increase of Rs. 1,595 under disbursements represents the increased surplus collections of the estate of the late Rahamatulla Prodhan kept under general deposit in the Treasury. Owing to the unsatisfactory character of the year and the consequent bad collections some debts had to be incurred for the payment of Land Revenue due from the estate of Babu Tarini Charan Chakravartti. This chiefly accounts for the increase in debts.

29. During the year under report Matangini Debya, widow of Kedar Nath Talukdar, son of the late Kasi Kanta Talukdar, instituted two suits, one in the Civil Court of Rungpur asserting her claim to a rent-free holding purchased in the name of Nalini Kanta Talukdar, the minor adopted son of Kasi Kanta Talukdar, and the other before the Civil Judge of Cooch Behar laying claim to all the properties left by Kasi Kanta Talukdar in preference to Nalini Kanta Talukdar as being the mother of minor Kamakhya Charan Talukdar, who had before his death succeeded to all the properties left to him by his grand-father Kasi Kanta Talukdar. The case instituted at Rungpur has been since dismissed. The one before the Civil Judge of Cooch Behar is pending.

30. As stated above the charge of the estate of the late Babu Rati Deb Buxi was given up during the year. Babu Rati Deb was the representative of an old family in the State. He and his ancestors were justly trusted and they held the hereditary post of Duar Buxi. He had contracted debts to the extent of Rs. 59,000 and as he did not consider it safe to leave the properties in the hands of his heirs he executed a will by which the management was to be made over to the State. The authorities granted his prayer and the charge of the properties was first taken over by the Malcutchery in 1877 and then by the Court of Wards subsequently. In previous reports it has been stated how the State wrote off a large portion of the heavy arrears of revenue due to it, and tried to do good to the estate in various other ways. There is no doubt that the Court's management has proved much beneficial to it. When its charge was taken over its net income amounted to Rs. 4,000 and debts to Rs. 59,000; but when the Court of Wards gave it up the income had risen to about Rs. 7,000 and the debts had come down to Rs. 7,500, of which Rs. 2,000 were incurred owing to the indiscretion of the late Babu Prosanna Kumar Deb Buxi, a son of the late Babu Rati Deb Buxi, who had been appointed manager of the estate. Besides the income referred to above which is derived from landed properties, the family enjoys an allowance of Rs. 1,200 a year which Your Highness was pleased to settle on Babu Prasanna Kumar on the abolition of the separate office of the Duar Buxi and which on his death has been ordered to be continued to his younger brother Babu Sarat Kumar Deb Buxi. Babu Sarat Kumar is now the only surviving son of the late Babu Rati Deb Buxi. He is already more than 40 years old and evinced considerable eagerness to take charge of the Estate. Your Highness was also anxious to see that some satisfactory arrangements were made for the repayment of the debts before the charge was made over to him. A loan of Rs. 7,500 carrying interest at 5 per cent. per annum and repayable in 5 years, was accordingly granted to him by the State to enable him to pay off the debts which were incurred at a heavier rate of interest, and the charge of the estate was at the same time made over to him. He and the three minor sons of Babu Prasanna Kumar Deb Buxi are now the male members of the family. On Babu Prasanna Kumar's death Your Highness was pleased to appoint Babu Sarat Kumar Deb as Duar Buxi. He performs the ceremonial duties of the office and enjoys the jaigir lands attached to it.

31. Managers Babu Surja Kanta Das, Amar Nath Munshi, Hara Chandra Roy and Tarani Kanta Choudhury as also the Examiner of Accounts Babu Uma Charan Sen discharged their duties satisfactorily.

32. *Character of Officers.*—Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., is an intelligent, careful and hard-working officer; has done very good work in his Sub-division. He is the ablest of all the Naib Ahilkars.

Babu Hari Nath Bose, B.L., is an experienced officer.

Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi is a steady officer; worked satisfactorily.

Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., is an able and intelligent officer, has done good work in his Sub-division.

Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Officiating Naib Ahilkar, has been in-charge of the Tufangunj Sub-division; is a promissing officer.

Babu Jagad Ballav Biswas, M.A., B.L., is in-charge of the important settlement work at Panga. He is an intelligent and hard-working officer and is devoted to this work.

Babu Jotindra Mohah Sen Gupta, B.L., is peripatetic Sub-Naib Ahilkar who joined his post about 4 months ago; is working satisfactorily.

Babu Rajani Kanta Ray, my Head-Clerk and Sheristadar, continues to perform his work as satisfatorily as he has hitherto done.

My Peshkar, Babu Bhawanghri Kamal Sen, worked satisfactorily during the year.

SECTION II.—EXCISE REVENUE.

33. In my report for 1907-08 I stated that the current demand of Excise Revenue for that year, amounting to Rs. 1,22,829, was the highest on record. I am glad that there was no want of competition amongst the rival Abkars at the time of the sales for the last year and the current demand rose to Rs. 1,32,374, shewing a further increase of Rs. 9,545 as compared with the current demand for the previous year. The entire amount was collected. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended. The fluctuations under the principal heads are explained below :—

(1) *Country Spirit.*—Increase Rs. 3,254. There was a strong competition for the outstill in the town of Cooch Behar between some Bengalee Shah merchants on the one side and some up-country dealers with a new Abkar from Maldah on the other. This chiefly accounts for the increase.

(2) *Imported Spirit.*—Owing to the closing of a shop there was a decrease of Rs. 25 on account of license-fees. But the consumption rose from 1248 to 1991 bottles, which resulted in an increase of Rs. 278-10 in the collections on account of duty. It should be stated, however, that as compared with the previous five years the consumption decreased by nearly 491 bottles in the year of report.

(3) *Ganja.*—There was an increase of Rs. 2,296 on account of license-fees and Rs. 3,613-8 on that of duty. The increase in license fees was due to increases obtained at the general sales for the year and that in duty to increased consumption owing chiefly to reduction in price in Rajshaye whence our supplies are obtained.

(4) *Opium.*—The license-fees fell off by Rs. 96 but owing to adoption of better measures for the prevention of smuggling the consumption of the drug increased by 19 seers, which resulted in an increase of Rs. 589 in the collections on account of duty.

34. The result of collections for each Sub-division for the last two years is shewn in the following table :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1908-1909.			Collections for 1908-1909.			Collections for 1907-1908.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	45,982	12	0	45,982	12	0	41,917	0	0
Tufanganj	23,628	11	0	23,628	11	0	21,604	0	0
Mekliganj	19,456	12	0	19,456	12	0	17,609	0	0
Mathabhanga	18,673	15	0	18,673	15	0	17,937	0	0
Dinhata	24,631	14	0	24,631	14	0	23,763	0	0
Total ...	1,32,374	0	0	1,32,374	0	0	1,22,830	0	0

35. There were two cases only under the Excise law during the year. They both ended in conviction.

SECTION III—TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

36. Babu Harendra Narayan Choudhuri B.L., was in charge of the Treasury up to the 30th May, when he was relieved by Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, who held charge during the remaing portion of the year.

37. The opening balance in the Treasury for the year of report amounted to Rs. 10,39,580 and the closing balance to Rs. 11,33,913, which was thus better than the opening balance by Rs. 41,868. The details regarding the balances are given below :—

	Opening balance. Rs.	Closing balance. Rs.
Cooch Behar State ...	... 7,50,818	7,92,686
Funds and Deposits...	... 1,76,932	2,42,996
Government of Bengal	... 1,11,830	98,231
	10,39,580	11,33,913

38. The total receipts and disbursements of the year were Rs. 38,57,037 and Rs. 37,62,70[illegible] against Rs. 39,13,260 and Rs. 38,57,747, respectively, of the

previous year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 56,223 in receipts and Rs. 95,043 in disbursements. The decrease in receipts is cheifly accounted for by the difference in the amounts of cash remittance from the Chaklajat Estates as the following figures will shew :—

		Rs.
1908-09	...	1,36,429
1907-08	...	1,92,716
Difference	...	56,287

The decrease in disbursements is owing to the fact that while in March 1908, rupees one lac out of the cash balance was invested in Government Promissory notes there was no such investment during the year under review.

39. During the year under report Rs. 23,92,975 was received and Rs. 21,86,740 paid in currency notes against Rs. 18,06,635 and Rs. 17,37,510, respectively, of the previous year, shewing increases of Rs. 5,76,340 and Rs. 4,49,230 under receipts and disbursements respectively. As the cash balances in whole rupees were very high throughout the year currency notes were allowed to be freely encashed. Hence the increase in receipt of currency notes. The increased issue of currency notes was due to the remittance to the Reserve Treasury, Calcutta, of surplus currency notes belonging to Government. Hithertofore the Government remittance had been made only in whole rupees.

40 It will be seen from the statement hereto annexed that the total stamp revenue for the year under review amounted to Rs. 1,81,076 against Rs. 1,73,461-11-9 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 7,614-10-9. This increase is distributed over the whole range of stamp revenue rxcept in copying-fee and adhesive stamps. The small decreases under these two stamps, *viz* Rs. 123-7-0 under copying-fee stamps and Rs. 101-12 under adhesive stamps, do not call for any special explanation. The larger sale of Judicial and Documentary stamps was due partly to high prices of food-grains but chiefly to the falling off in the price of jute on which the ryots had built hopes. They incurred liabilities as a set off against this prospective asset; but the non-realization of their hopes resulted in an increase in the institution of rent and small cause court suits on the one hand and the execution of a large number of mortgage and deeds for the sale of properties on the other. The increase in the sale of Judicial stamps is automatically accompanied by an increase in the sale of Court-fee stamps. Out of the total gross receipts of Rs. 10,81,076-6-6, Rs. 3,981-3-9 was paid to vendors as commission, the net stamp revenue being Rs. 1,77,098-2-9. The following table compares the receipts under each denomination of stamp for the last two years :—

Denomination of stamps.	Receipts.		Difference.		Remarks.
	1908-09.	1907-08.	Increase	Decrease.	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Judicial stamps ...	94,140 8 0	90,498 9 0	3,641 15 0	.....	
Documentary „ ...	43,195 12 0	39,586 10 0	3,609 2 0	.....	
Court-fee „ ...	33,886 8 0	33,470 4 0	416 4 0	.....	Net increase Rs. 7,614-10-6.
Copying-fee „ ...	3,784 4 0	3,907 11 0	.....	123 7 0	
Adhesive „ ...	4,630 8 0	4,732 4 0	.....	101 12 0	
Cartridge paper ...	1,128 8 6	1,007 13 9	120 10 9	.....	
Miscellaneous ...	310 6 0	258 8 0	51 14 0	.....	
Total ...	1,81,076 6 6	1,73,461 11 9	7,614 10 9	225 8 0	

41. Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi discharged his duties in the Treasury with care and attention. Both the Accountant Babu Rajani Kanta Chakravartti and the Treasurer Babu Basanta Kumar Ray are reliable officers, and worked satisfactorily.

SECTION V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

42. *Bunders.*—Since some years the trade of Haldibari has been partially diverted to Chilahati and Silliguri and there has been no inprovement in the condition of the Bunder. During the year under report three European firms closed their business there. The jute market was unsteady during the greater part of 1906-07 and in 1907-08. In the year of report the price fell off considerably. Some merchants also combined not to buy jute in some of the neighbouring Hâts and import it to Haldibari as they used to do before, on the alleged ground that wet jute was brought in those Hâts. For these reasons the import of jute carts into the Bunder fell off from 75,935 in 1907-08 to 55,913 in the year of report. The Marwari Mahajans dealing in tobacco would not buy it owing to rise in the price and there was consequently a decrease in the number of tobacco carts from 5,003 to 3,552. There was some improvement in the numbers of carts bringing bamboos, bamboo mats and gunny cloth and the total of carts of all sorts brought to the Haldibari Bunder was 61,270 against 82,680 shewing a net decrease of 21,410 carts, which resulted in a decrease from Rs. 10,335 to Rs. 7,658-12 in the collection on account of tolls. The total expenditure on account of establishment and contingencies amounted to Rs. 1,815 only.

43. Owing to the combination of the merchants not to buy jute at the neighbouring Hâts as stated above, a fresh proclamation was issued by the Council in continuation of the one of 26th September 1894 advising people not to bring wet jute in the markets for sale.

44. The Calicagunj Bunder in the Mathabhanga Town and the one at Chowrahat continued to flourish. At the former the exports of tobacco and jute are estimated at 70,500 and 22,414 maunds respectively. Changrabanda, which is situated at a distance of five miles from the Sub-divisional station of Mekligunj and where there is a station of the Bengal Duars Railway, is fast gaining in importance. New merchants have come in and the Bunder has been improved at a large expenditure. The prosperity of the old Dewangunj Hat is being keenly watched. It is satisfactory that it has not deteriorated since the previous year though the rival Hat at Thakurgaon, which is situated in the District of Rungpur within a distance of about three miles only from Dewangunj, and where no tolls are levied from the shop-keepers, is in a flourishing condition.

45. *Fairs.*—The Town Committees at Haldibari and Dinhata have respectively been permitted to enjoy the incomes from the fairs which are annually held in those places, and pay all expenses connected therewith. The collectoin of tolls at the Fulbari and the Guarader Hat fair in Sub-division Tufangunj and the Sham Sundar fair at Mekligunj amounted to Rs. 733. The Gadadhar fair in the Sudder Sub-division was leased out at a Jama of Rs. 227.

46. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of Land Revenue for the Town of Cooch Behar for 1907-08 amounted to Rs. 19,098. Inclusive of the progressive increase of Rs. 880 due to the re-settlement of the Town the gross increase was Rs. 1,309 and the gross decrease Rs. 513, resulting in a net increase of Rs. 796 in the current demand, which thus amounted to Rs. 19,894 in the year of report. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 1,096 the total demand amounted to Rs. 20,990 of which Rs. 19,787 was collected. Since the conclusion of the re-settlement the Towjies were compared with the settlement lists and some discrepancies which were detected in the course of the comparison reconciled. This has necessitated slight changes in certain figures furnished by the Settlement Department before and referred to in para 31 of the Annual Report for 1906-07. Steps have since been taken to print the Settlement Completion Report.

47. *Shikar Reserve in Pergunah Tufangunj.*—The question of demarcating the boundaries of the extensive Reserved Forest in Sub-division Tufangunj was under the consideration of the Superintendent of the State and the late Superintendent of Works Babu Kedar Nath Majumdar for sometime and with the sanction of the Council the Dewan deputed Munshi Kazem-ud-din Ahmed Canoongoe to the work in November 1907. He was assisted by two Amins. The Canoongoe held a topographical survey and prepared the necessary maps and papers. Under the orders of Your Highness some lands were excluded from the forests while others were included in them. The forests extend over portions of 15 Talooks and the total area is 18,550 Bighas 3 Katas 4 Dhurs or about 6,184 acres. Since the close of the year Your Highness has been pleased to order some more lands to be included in the forests; the necessary survey has already been completed. During the year under report a Forest Act as well as some rules for the prevention and extension of fires in the forests have been passed by Your Highness in Council.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servant,

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,

Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State.

APPENDIX.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year 1908-1909.*

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year	Previous year	TOTAL	Present year	Previous year	TOTAL.	Present year	Previous year	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P	Rs. A. P	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	R. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates..	7,922 15 1	86 11 5	8,009 10 6	7,854 12 7	16 12 1	7,871 8 8	.....	.....	.....	115 6 2	69 15 4	185 5 6	47 3 8	.....	47 3 8
Estates not permanently settled ..	11,68,126 6 0	9,727 12 4	11,77,854 2 4	11,64,662 5 7	6,674 2 4	11,71,336 7 11	1,324 10 3	557 1 0	1,881 11 3	6,418 3 0	2,496 9 0	8,914 12 0	4,278 12 10	.....	4,278 12 10
TOTAL ...	11,76,049 5 1	9,814 7 9	11,85,863 12 10	11,72,517 2 2	6,690 14 5	11,79,208 0 7	1,324 10 3	557 1 0	1,881 11 3	6,533 9 2	2,566 8 4	9,100 1 6	4,326 0 6	.....	4,326 0 6
Syrat Mehals ..	1,05,054 15 5	7,625 4 9	1,12,680 4 2	96,755 8 4	5,356 4 3	1,02,111 9 7	504 5 0	1,829 8 0	2,333 13 0	8,123 10 1	439 8 6	8,563 2 7	328 5 0	.....	328 5 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a.) 12,81,104 4 6	(b.) 17,439 12 6	12,98,544 1 0	12,69,272 7 6	12,047 2 8	(c.) 12,81,319 10 2	1,828 15 3	2,386 9 0	(d.) 4,215 8 3	14,657 3 3	3,006 0 10	17,663 4 1	4,654 5 6	.....	4,654 5 6

EXPLANATIONS:

(a.)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 12,81,104-4-6 against Rs. 12,72,135-3-3 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 17,943-0-5 and the decrease to Rs. 8,978-15-2. There is thus a net increase of Rs. 8,96
Details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Increase due to settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes and other Khas lands	4,061 7 10
Ditto due to re-settlement of time-expired jotes	427 8 11
Ditto due to re-settlement of the town of Cooch Behar	854 4 2
Ditto due to assessment at full rates of jotes held before at half rates ..	25 0 3
Ditto due to rectification of mistakes	14 1 1
Ditto due to miscellaneous causes	43 10 0
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at increased jummas	12,522 0 2
Total .. .	17,948 0 5

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year	16,207 12 1
Arrears brought forward in this statement	17,439 12 6
Net increase due to settlements with restrospective effect	1,232 0 5

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Decrease due to jotes being made Khash under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	455 6 6
Ditto relinquishments and cancellation of cases of bad jotes	666 2 10
Ditto acquisition of land for public purposes	727 7 9
Ditto diluvion and other miscellaneous causes	637 10 2
Ditto rectification of mistakes	32 11 2
Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jummas and the collection of the Haldibari Fair being made over to the Haldibari Town committee.. ..	6,459 8 9
TOTAL ...	8,978 15 2

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to arrive at the correct balance.

(d.) *Vide* Council Office No. 691D, dated the 12th July 1909.

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Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1908-1909.*

NAME OF ESTATE.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates.	36 9 4	.....	36 9 4	36 9 4	....	36 9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,07,168 0 1	1,363 12 3	1,08,531 12 4	1,06,919 0 1	1,347 11 9	1,08,266 11 10	.....	9 6 6	9 6 6	386 1 7	6 10 0	392 11 7	137 1 7	.....	137 1 7
TOTAL ..	1,07,204 9 5	1,363 12 3	1,08,568 5 8	1,06,955 9 5	1,347 11 9	1,08,303 5 2	.....	9 6 6	9 6 6	386 1 7	6 10 0	392 11 7	137 1 7	.....	137 1 7
Syrat Mehals	4,839 0 0	317 6 0	5,156 6 0	4,546 12 0	309 14 0	4,856 10 0	.....	7 8 0	7 8 0	292 10 0	.....	292 10 0	0 6 0	.....	0 6 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 1,12,043 9 5	(b) 1,681 2 3	1,13,724 11 8	1,11,502 5 5	1,657 9 9	(c) 1,13,159 15 2	.....	16 14 6	(d) 16 14 6	678 11 7	6 10 0	685 5 7	137 7 7	.....	137 7 7

EXPLANATIONS:

(a.)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,12,043-9-5 against Rs. 1,11,359-10-3 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 918 15-10 and the decrease to Rs. 235-0-8 There is thus a net increase of Rs. 683-15-2. Details are given below:—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Increase due to settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes and other Khas lands	82 3 10
Ditto due to re-settlement of the Town of Cooch Behar	25 12 0
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at increased jummas	811 0 0
Total ..	918 15 10

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year 1,628 0 10
Arrears brought forward in this statement 1,681 2 3
Net increase due to settlements with retrospective effect 53 1 5

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to derive at the correct balance.

(d.)—*Vide*, Council Office No. 69D of the 12th July 1901.

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes	13 8 5
Ditto due to jotes made Khas under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	41 8 1
Ditto due to jotes relinquished	30 0 2
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jummas	150 0 0
Total ..	235 0 8

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,
Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year* 1908-1909.

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS			REMISSIONS.	BALANCES.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current	Arrear.	Total.		Current.	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax on Out-still shops of country spirit	58,736 0 0	.....	58,736 0 0	58,736 0 0	.....	58,736 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	564 0 0	.....	564 0 0	564 0 0	.....	564 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	30,993 14 0	.....	30,993 14 0	30,993 14 0	.....	30,993 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja shops	24,384 0 0	.....	24,384 0 0	24,384 0 0	.....	24,384 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto of Opium shops	3,420 0 0	.....	3,420 0 0	3,420 0 0	.....	3,420 0 0	... ...	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Opium	13,892 0 0	.....	13,329 0 0	13,392 0 0	.....	13,392 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirit	746 10 0	.....	746 10 0	746 10 0	.....	746 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	137 7 6	.....	137 7 6	137 7 6	.....	137 7 6	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL ...	1,32,373 15 6	.....	1,32,373 15 6	1,32,373 15 6	.....	1,32,373 15 6	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. IV.—*Statement shewing the collection of Stamp Revenue for the year 1908-09.*

Names of Sub-divisions.	Judicial. With commission.	Judicial. Without commission.	Documentary. With commission.	Documentary. Without commission.	Court fee. With commission.	Court fee. Without commission.	Copying fee. With commission.	Copying fee. Without commission.	Miscellaneous. Duty on unstamped paper.	Miscellaneous. Fines & penalties.	Total.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Cartridge Paper. With commission.	Cartridge Paper. Commission to vendors.	Cartridge Paper. Net amount.	Adhesive Stamps. With commission.	Adhesive Stamps. Commission to vendors.	Adhesive Stamps. Net amount.	Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	30,962 8	5,779 8	10,448 8	614 0	10,177 0	....	1,321 12	....	182 12	120 0 0	59,606 0	1,193 8 3	58,412 7 9	435 0 6	27 3 0	407 13 6	1,498 0 0	46 13 0	1,451 3 0	61,539 0 6	60,271 8 3
Dinhata	16,359 8	202 0	10,191 8	60 4	7,652 8	....	932 0	....	0 8	5 2 0	35,403 6	796 14 9	34,606 7 3	254 12 0	15 14 9	238 13 3	626 8 0	19 9 3	606 14 9	36,284 10 0	35,452 3 3
Mathabhanga	21,561 0	254 0	10,213 8	....	8,956 0	....	779 8	....	..	. .	41,764 0	932 1 3	40,831 14 9	237 8 0	14 13 6	222 10 6	910 0 0	28 7 0	881 9 0	42,911 8 0	41,936 2 3
Mekligunj	11,543 8	210 0	7,513 0	1 0	4,130 8	1 0	513 0	1 0	..	. .	23,913 0	503 11 3	23,409 4 9	123 12 0	7 11 9	116 0 3	1,253 8 0	29 7 6	1,224 0 6	25,300 4 0	24,749 5 6
Toofangunj	7,236 8	32 0	4,154 0	.....	2,969 8	....	237 0	....	..	2 0 0	14,631 0	339 12 9	14,291 3 3	77 8 0	4 13 6	72 10 6	332 8 0	10 6 3	322 1 9	15,041 0 0	14,685 15 6
Total	87,663 0	6,477 8	42,520 8	675 4	33,885 8	1 0	3,783 4	1 0	183 4	127 2 0	1,75,317 6	3,766 0 3	1,71,551 5 9	1,128 8 6	70 8 6	1,058 0 0	4,630 8 0	144 11 0	4,485 13 0	1,81,076 6 6	1,77,095 2 9

BHUPATI CHAKRAVARTTI,

Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,
Civil & Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 31st May 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State of Cooch Behar for the year 1908-09 to which are annexed the annual statements No. I to XI.

Charge

2. I was in charge of the office of Civil and Sessions Judge throughout the year except from the 2nd to the 25th of January 1908 during which I was absent on privilege leave, when Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Officiating Assistant Civil Judge and Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Officiating Fouzdari Ahilkar remained in charge of the current duties of the Civil and Sessions Departments respectively.

The following table shows the changes in the subordinate judicial posts :—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 1st of April to the 31st of May 1908.
Do. ...	Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Offg. Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 1st of June 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.
Do. ...	Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April to the 31st of May 1908.
Do. ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of June 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.
Toofangunj...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.
Dinhata ...	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.
Mathabhanga	Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.
Mekligunj ...	Babu Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From the 1st of April 1908 to the 31st of March 1909.

Institution of original suits.

3. The original suits instituted during the last four years are shown below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 50 and Rs. 20.	Total.
1905-06	1534	3881	1628	7043
1906-07	1689	3269	1617	6575
1907-08	2027	3200	1541	6768
1908-09	1338	3467	2121	6926

It will be observed from the above that the number of institutions during the year under review was 6926 against 6768 of the previous year, showing an increase of 158 suits.

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions in the several Civil and Rent Courts of the State :—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	4	.....	2	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	.....	35	98	.....
Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar, Sudder ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	.....	1	49	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	.....	8	140	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	.....	118	.....	72
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	49	.....	50	.....
Total ...	53	162	339	72

Civil suits increased in the Courts of the Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj by 4 and 49, respectively, and decreased in the Courts of the Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata and Mekligunj by 35, 1, 8, and 118 suits respectively. Rent suits increased in the Courts of the Civil Judge, Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata and Mekligunj by 2, 98, 49, 140 and 50, respectively, and decreased in the Court of the Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga by 72.

The increase in the institutions is slight and is due to general causes.

Classifications of suits.

5. Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 6926 institutions, 3017 were suits on bonds and other obligations, 3467 were Rent suits, 423 for land and other immoveable properties and 19 related to matrimonial rights.

Execution of decrees.

6. The number of applications for execution of decrees during the last four years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1905-1906	1416	1678	716	3810
1906-1907	1383	1436	635	3404
1907-1908	1499	1362	682	3543
1908-1909	1421	1296	853	3570

The number of applications filed during the year under report was 3570 against 3543 of the previous year, showing an increase of 27 applications.

Miscellaneous.

7. The number of miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below :—

Years.	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
1907-1908	452	20
1908-1909	408	40

Certificate cases.

8. The number of applications for certificates of guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 71 against 63 of the previous year, showing an increase of 8 applications and the number of applications for certificates under Act V of 1898 was 55 against 71 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 16 applications.

Applications for Probate cases.

9. The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 12 against 20 of the previous year and the number disposed of was 19 against 9 of the previous year.

Rank of Courts according to institutions.

10. According to the number of original suits instituted, the subordinate courts rank thus :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2023
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1747
(3)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1604
(4)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	955
(5)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	575

Disposal of suits.

11. The disposal of original suits during the last four years is shown in the statement given below :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1905-1906	1583	3845	1624	7002
1906-1907	1598	3287	1610	6495
1907-1908	1968	3162	1534	6644
1908-1909	1336	3419	2169	6924

The total number of original suits disposed of was 6924 against 6644 of the previous year, showing an increase of 280 suits only.

Rank of Courts according to disposals

12. According to disposals, the Subordinate Courts rank thus:

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	1,760
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,756
(3.)	Ditto Dinhata	1,650
(4.)	Ditto Mekligunj	938
(5.)	Ditto Toofangunj	567
(6.)	Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar	236

Contest

13. The following table compares the number of contested original suits for the last four years:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1905-1906	379	454	280	1,113
1906-1907	451	399	254	1,104
1907-1908	532	358	265	1,155
1908-1909	486	409	332	1,227

The total number of contested suits decided was 1,227, being less than one-fifth of the entire number of disposals.

With regard to the disposal of contested suits, the Subordinate Courts rank thus:—

(1.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	338
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	322
(3.)	Assistant Civil Judge	261
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	148
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	123
(6.)	Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar	24

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the subordinate courts:—

Names of Courts	Civil Suits				Rent Suits				Small Cause Court Suits.			
	Contested		Uncontested		Contested.		Uncontested		Contested		Uncontested.	
	m	d	m.	d	m	d	m.	d.	m	d.	m.	d.
Assistant Civil Judge	6	29	1	18	0	28	0	14	1	7	0	22
Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	..	...	.....		1	17	1	2	.....		.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	4	19	1	11	2	17	1	5	1	7	0	[illegible]
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	3	1	1	9	2	11	1	4	1	6	1	[illegible]
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	7	5	2	7	4	21	1	15	2	22	1	6
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	2	17	0	17	1	29	0	22	0	25	0	15

The duration was longest at Mathabhanga and shortest at Mekligunj.

Value of suits

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of, 1986 or more than one-fourth were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20; 2377 or more than one-third were for claims exceeding

ing Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 1422 or more than one-fifth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 1082 or less than one-sixth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 40 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500; but not exceeding Rs. 1000. There were only 17 suits exceeding Rs. 1000 but not exceeding Rs. 5000.

Pending suits.

16. The number of old suits pending at the close of the year was 76 (59 pending over six months and 17 pending over one year) against 37 of the previous year.

Summary Procedure.

17. The jurisdiction of the Small Cause Courts at the Sudder, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj was raised to Rs. 100 during the year under report.

Disposal of execution cases.

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1905-1906	1,415	1,671	690	3,776
1906-1907	1,371	1,460	651	3,482
1907-1908	1,456	1,323	667	3,446
1908-1909	1,457	1,303	829	3,589

The total number of execution cases disposed of was 3589 against 3446 of the previous year, showing an increase of 143 cases. There were 506 cases pending at the close of the previous year.

Disposal of miscellaneous cases.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of miscellaneous cases :—

	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Civil	287	35
Rent	87	.....
Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 50 and Rs. 20 ...	37	.....
Total ...	411	35

Local enquiry.

20. The number of cases made over to the Civil Court Amin for local inquiry by the different Civil Courts of the State was 134 against 128 made over during the previous year. Only 3 cases remained pending inquiry at the close of the year.

Work of Civil Judge's Court.

21. The statement given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court on the Civil side for the last three years :—

YEARS.	Original Suits.				Execution.				Miscellaneous.			
	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1906-1907	15	24	20	19	9	23	24	8	23	122	122	23
1907-1908	19	15	21	13	8	28	29	7	23	161	124	60
1908-1909	13	21	17	17	7	32	32	7	60	142	166	36

Seventeen original, 7 Execution and 36 Miscellaneous cases were pending at the close of the year.

Appeals.

22. The following table shows the total number of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred to this court during the last three years :—

1906-1907	157
1907-1908	142
1908-1909	144

The number of appeals filed during the year was 144 against 142 of the previous year showing an increase of 2 appeals.

(*a*) The result of appeals for the last three years is given in the table below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1906-1907	198	92	30	9	8	59
1907-1908	201	102	23	8	2	66
1908-1909	210	106	31	19	5	49

There were 210 appeals for disposal including those which remained pending at the ends of the previous year. Of these, 161 were disposed of and 49 remained pending.

(*b*) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the subordinate Judicial officers :—

Names of Judicial officers.	Details of disposals.						Total disposed of.	Remarks.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee, B.L.	4	1	1	1	.....	.....	7	
" Hari Nath Basu, B.L. ...	16	3	2	.....	.....	1	22	
" Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E. ...	17	5	1	.....	.....	.....	23	
" Uma Nath Datta, B.L. ...	6	4	2	.....	.....	1	13	
" Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L. ...	16	2	3	1	.....	.....	22	
" Narasinha Ch Ghosh, M.A., B.L.	17	7	3	1	.....	.....	28	
" Bama Charan Neogi, B.L. ...	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	
" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L.	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	5	
" Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A. B.L.	21	3	3	.....	.....	.....	27	
" Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri B.L.	6	2	1	.....	.....	.....	9	
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Total ...	106	31	19	3	.....	2	161	

Finance.

23. The receipts and disbursements are shown below under several heads :—

RECEIPTS.

I.—Stamp Duty—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1905-1906 ...	69,160
1906-1907 ...	70,133
1907-1908 ...	72,168
1908-1909 ...	75,883

The increase of Rs. 3,715 was due to the increase in institutions and also to the institution of a big suit in the Civil Judge's Court.

II.—Amin's fees.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1905-1906 ...	885
1906-1907 ...	804
1907-1908 ...	1,035
1908-1909 ...	963

There was a decrease of Rs. 72 only.

III.—Process fess.—The amount of process fees &c. realised during the year under report Rs. 21,029 against Rs. 20,988 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 41 only.

IV.—Fines and forfeitures.—These amounted to Rs. 105 against Rs. 55 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 50 only.

V.—Other receipts including copying fees.—These amounted to Rs. 3,587 against Rs. 3,582 of the previous year.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 1,01,567 against Rs. 97,827 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 3,740.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I.—Salary.—The salary of judicial officers amounted to Rs. 17,481 against Rs. 18,155 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 674 which was due to the abolition of the posts of Sub-Naib Ahilkars from the beginning of the year under review.

II.—Establishment charges—Amounted to Rs. 16,288 against Rs. 15,790 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 498. The increase was due to increase sanctioned in the pay of the menials from the beginning of the year under report.

III.—Process service.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 9,554 against Rs. 8,349 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,205. The increase was mainly due to the increase sanctioned in the pay of the Peons and the Buxis from the beginning of the year.

IV.—Contingencies.—Amounted to Rs. 6,138 against Rs. 4,376 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,762. The increase was mainly due to the transfer of "Horse allowance" to "travelling allowance" as also to the increase in the book-binding charges.

V.—Amin's Establishment.—The cost of the Establishment of the Civil Court Amin was Rs 895 against Rs. 876, showing an increase of Rs. 19. The increase was due to increase in the pay of Amin's peons.

VI.—Unforeseen.—The expenditure under this head amounted to Rs. 480 against Rs. 163 of the previous year.

The total amount of expenditure was Rs. 50,837 against Rs. 47,771 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 3,066.

The net receipt of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 50,730 against Rs. 50,116 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 614.

24. The total amount of fees realised during the year was Rs. 3,040-5 against Rs. 2,928-12, showing an increase of Rs. 111-9.

Copying Department.

Out of the total receipts, Rs. 1,383-11 was credited to the state and the balance Rs. 1,656-10 distributed among the copyists.

The following table shows the number of copyists employed in each Court with their average monthly income :—

Names of Courts.	No of Copyists	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.			Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	3	1	19	7	1	
Toofangunj	1	(a)	8	8	0	(a) The work is carried on by the regular staff.
Dinhata	2	1	16	10	8	
Mathabhanga	2	1	11	4	8	
Mekligunj	3	(a)	5	6	1	

Records.

25. During the year under report, records of 5775 cases were received in the Sudder Record Room, as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.
Civil Judge's Court	286	47	333
Toofangunj Court	874	664	1538
Dinhata Court	610	1307	1917
Mathabhanga ,, ...	874	664	1538
Total ...	2516	3259	5775

The following records were destroyed during the year under report :—

Sudder ...

Civil Judge's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Appeals, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Assistant Civil Judge's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Rent suit Naib Ahilkar's Court.

B Files of Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Toofangunj ...

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Dinhata ...

Naib Ahilkar's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Mathabhanga ...

Naib Ahilkar's Court

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Court.

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

Mekligunj ...

B Files of Civil and Rent Original suits, Miscellaneous and Execution cases from January to December 1898.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles.	Population.
Sudder Sub-Division	Kotwali Station	284	2,21,609
Toofangunj "	Fulbari Station	223	73,488
Dinhata "	Dinhata Station	269	1,43,900
Mathabhanga "	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi I. O. P. ...	334	1,40,188
Mekligunj "	Mekligunj Station	197	87,843
	Total ...	1,307	5,66,973

(B.)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

CIVIL.		RENT.		TOTAL.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	11	1	7	20

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(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil and Rent Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

Courts	Receipts.						Charges.						
	Stamps (1)	Process fees (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Ameen's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	Total.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving.	Contingencies. (4)	Ameen's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Judge's Court ...	11,265 0 0	960 0 0	.....	43 0 0	1,510 14 0	13,780 14 0	9,600 0 0	5,888 7 8	5,831 10 5	4,645 3 2	895 6 6	480 3 6	27,340 15 3
Sudder Subordinate Courts	17,619 7 6	5,165 8 0	21 12 0	228 0 0	.....	23,034 11 6	4,200 0 0	2,846 11 8	.....	206 10 4	.....	.....	7,253 6 0
Toofangunj ...	5,702 2 0	1,756 8 0	.....	126 0 0	219 13 3	7,804 7 3	723 1 10	1,438 3 2	771 11 8	196 6 0	.....	.....	3,129 6 8
Dinhata	14,180 0 0	4,619 12 0	.....	228 0 0	824 1 3	19,851 13 8	816 10 8	2,177 4 4	1,067 11 0	463 7 0	.....	.....	4,525 1 0
Mathabhanga ...	18,274 12 0	5,936 12 0	45 3 3	171 0 0	668 15 6	25,096 10 9	1,166 10 4	2,405 13 10	1,065 15 3	323 13 0	.....	.....	4,962 4 5
Mekligunj ...	8,841 12 9	2,591 0 0	37 12 0	165 0 0	362 13 6	11,998 6 3	975 0 0	1,531 2 1	816 12 8	302 10 6	.....	.....	3,625 9 3
Total ...	75,883 2 3	21,029 8 0	104 11 3	963 0 0	3,586 9 6	1,01,566 15 0	17,481 6 10	16,287 10 9	9,553 13 0	6,138 2 0	895 6 6	480 3 6	50,836 10 7

(1.) This includes searching fees and fees for information.
(2.) This includes sale fees.
(3.) This includes witnesses' diet money, copying-fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c.
(4) This includes remuneration to Copyists, travelling and Ticca Mohurers' pay, etc.

		Rs. A. P.
Receipts	...	1,01,566 15 0
Charges	...	50,836 10 7
Balance	...	50,730 4 5

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1908-1909.

COURTS.	Suits of Small Cause Court class. On written obligation. Rs. 1,000 and under.	On written obligation. Above Rs. 1,000.	On unwritten. Rs. 1,000 and under.	On unwritten. Above Rs. 1,000.	On account stated. Rs. 1,000 and under.	On account stated. Above Rs. 1,000.	Money had and received and contribution. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Money had and received and contribution. Above Rs. 1,000.	Goods sold. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Goods sold. Above Rs. 1,000.	Breach of contract not mentioned above. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Breach of contract not mentioned above. Above Rs. 1,000.	Rent not falling under the Rent law. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Rent not falling under the Rent law. Above Rs. 1,000.	Moveable property or value thereof. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Moveable property or value thereof. Above Rs. 1,000.	Damages. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Damages. Above Rs. 1,000.	Other Civil Suits. Suits for immovable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	Rent Suits. For delivery of pattahs and kobuliyats.	For damages for illegal cessation of rent and withholding of receipts.	For enhancement and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a tenant or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In excess of power of distraint.	Against agent for money and paper.	Total.
Civil Judge	...	12	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	....	..	..	...	...	..	..	2	...	...	...	..		21
Assistant Civil Judge	162	..	12	..	11	..	12	..	...	...	1	..	1	..	3	...	14	...	80	12	..	2	1	2	11	7	1	3	3	...	949	...	..	..	..		1,287
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	.	....	..	..	.	...	..	...	1	..	...	.	..		1
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj ...	97	...	11	..	22	..	5	..	4	..	1	...	2	..	39	...	4	...	58	..	..	7	...	....	...	...	...	...	...	1	192	.	...	..	..		422
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	105	..	10	..	6	...	28	...	14	..	3	...	3	...	2	...	2	..	52	.	..	...	..	....	3	..	..	..	1	..	941		..	..	..		1,170
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	138	...	7	...	8	..	23	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	19	..	5	...	112	..	..	3	..	1	3	..	..	..	2	...	776	..	..	...	...		1,096
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj ...	40	..	6	...	2	..	1	..	9	..	...	..	4	...	1	..	1	..	47	1	31	...	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	596	...	..	..	..		736
Total ...	542	12	46	..	50	..	69	..	21	..	5	..	10	..	114	..	27	...	349	13	36	12	1	4	19	7	1	3	6	1	3,457	..	..	..	...		4,806
Small Cause Court Class Suits up to Rs. 20 & 100.																																						
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	532	...	35	...	51	...	10	..	96	..	1	...	5	..	2	...	4	...	.	..	...	..	...	....	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		736
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj ...	21	...	7	..	9	..	..	..	10	...	...	...	..	...	33	..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		83
Ditto, Dinhata ...	202	...	10	...	30	...	92	..	57	...	27	...	..	...	2	..	14	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...		434
Ditto, Mathabhanga ...	477	...	71	...	38	...	1	...	...	...	..	..	1	...	42	..	12	..	..	..	...	...	...	....	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...		649
Ditto, Mekliganj ...	104	..	13	..	38	..	7	..	2	...	12	...	8	..	24	..	12	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...		219
Total ...	1,336	..	136	..	166	...	110	.	165	..	40	..	14	..	103	..	52	.	..	...	..	...	...	....	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...		2,121
Grand Total ...	1,878	12	181	..	276	...	179	..	186	..	45	...	24	..	217	..	79	...	349	13	36	12	1	4	19	7	1	3	6	1	3,457	..	...	..	..		6,926

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Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed exparte.	Dismissed exparte.	Referred to arbitration.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Average duration of suits. Contested. y. m. d.	Average duration of suits. Uncontested. m. d.
CIVIL COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	13	19	...	32	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	9	2	16	16	8	4	1 6 21	2 5
Assistant Civil Judge	110	332	5	447	9	...	27	3	46	38	103	...	...	61	34	312	126	44	12	6 29	1 18
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	38	299	...	337	...	...	53	7	12	50	93	...	...	58	26	299	38	1	...	4 19	1 11
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	101	228	...	329	33	...	30	1	20	12	75	4	...	68	51	261	35	...	...	3 1	1 9
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	105	320	2	427	42	3	26	4	21	50	76	...	...	80	37	297	88	5	1	7 5	2 7
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	22	140	...	162	...	...	8	1	4	27	51	...	...	40	20	151	11	...	...	2 17	0 17
TOTAL ...	389	1,338	7	1,734	84	3	144	16	104	177	402	4	...	316	170	1,336	314	58	17	.....	.....
RENT COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	...	1	1	...	...	.....	1 13
Assistant Civil Judge	90	955	1	1,046	219	...	264	...	1	184	200	...	...	76	...	725	102	...	...	0 28	0 14
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar	21	1	219	241	1	...	48	...	...	79	85	...	...	24	...	236	4	...	...	1 17	1 2
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	15	193	...	208	..	...	32	1	3	79	46	...	...	23	1	185	23	...	...	2 17	1 5
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	111	942	...	1,053	...	...	265	...	2	250	303	...	...	100	20	940	113	...	...	2 11	1 4
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	132	778	...	910	...	...	40	...	118	321	175	...	...	85	20	759	151	1	...	4 21	1 15
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	9	596	..	605	...	...	53	...	184	91	185	...	...	55	5	573	32	...	...	1 29	0 22
TOTAL ...	378	3,467	220	4,065	220	...	702	1	308	1,004	995	...	...	363	46	3,419	426	1	...	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100 AND Rs. 20																					
Assistant Civil Judge. ...	31	736	7	774	5	...	169	3	26	115	318	2	...	73	17	723	46	...	...	1 7	0 22
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	2	83	...	85	...	...	34	...	...	8	26	...	...	10	5	83	2	...	...	1 7	0 27
Ditto, Dinhata	5	434	33	472	...	4	96	...	22	76	167	1	...	53	30	449	23	...	...	1 6	1 2
Ditto, Mathabhanga	60	649	42	751	...	1	167	2	36	184	192	2	...	96	20	700	51	...	...	2 22	1 16
Ditto, Mekligunj	2	219	...	221	...	1	44	...	30	38	73	...	...	21	7	214	7	...	...	0 25	0 15
TOTAL ...	100	2,121	82	2,303	5	6	510	5	114	421	776	5	...	253	79	2,169	129	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	867	6,926	309	8,102	309	9	1,356	22	526	1,602	2,173	9	...	932	295	6,924	869	59	17	.....	...

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Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

Value of suits.	Civil suits										Rent suits.							Small Cause Court suits up to Rs 20 and Rs. 100.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Sudder Rent Suit Naib Alnikar.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	...	.....	1	...	.....	2	3	...	31	5	1	75	14	38	164	16	3	6	5	8	38	205
Ditto " 20 ...	...	23	11	9	19	4	66	...	266	75	48	339	139	202	1,069	220	80	125	167	54	646	1,781
Ditto " 50 ...	...	37	120	36	31	10	234	...	270	76	77	339	265	194	1,221	342	...	189	307	84	922	2,377
Ditto " 100 ...	...	56	92	49	47	24	268	...	112	43	35	131	190	80	591	145	..	129	221	68	563	1,422
Ditto " 500 ...	...	170	73	167	197	110	717	...	45	34	24	56	148	58	365	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1,082
Ditto " 1,000 ...	...	26	2	.....	3	1	32	...	1	3	...	.....	3	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	.....	40
Ditto " 5,000 ...	16	.....	...	.....	.....	...	16	1	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	17
Ditto " 10,000 ...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Ditto " 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Exceeding " 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total ...	16	312	299	261	297	151	1,336	1	725	236	185	940	759	573	3,419	723	83	449	700	214	2,169	6,924

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

COURTS.	Applications to Execute Decrees.				Applications disposed of.			Pending.					Nature and number of cases in which coercive processes issued.							Application for insolvency.	
													Against the person.		Moveable property.		Immoveable property.				
	Pending from the last year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Possession.	Arrest.	Imprisonment	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Orders under Sections 305 & 408, Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	7	31	.....	38	18	13	31	...	.....	1	7	5	1	1	4	1	11	12	... ..	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	56	394	.....	450	141	252	393	...	4	... ..	57	25	90	9	52	83	161	30	... ..	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	18	174	.....	192	58	115	173	...	.....	.....	19	19	22	1	112	9	28	20	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	72	291	.....	363	171	156	327	...	.....	.....	36	7	28	4	153	17	71	34	... ..	.....	... ..
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	80	396	.....	476	163	237	400	...	5	... ..	76	35	23	1	232	21	105	30	.....	... ..	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	17	135	.....	152	51	82	133	...	1	.....	19	23	2	1	29	12	42	31	.. ..	.....	.....
Total ...	250	1,421	... .	1,671	602	855	1,457	...	10	1	214	114	166	17	582	143	418	157	.....	.....	.....
Rent.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	.....	1	.....	1	1	... ..	1	...	.....	... ..	.....	1	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	26	197	1	224	42	160	202	...	1	.....	22	65	46	.....	123	6	14	19	... ..	.....	.....
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	31	146	.....	177	17	123	140	1	2	... ..	36	19	25	1	63	8	17	21	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	1	95	.....	96	18	68	86	...	.....	.....	10	15	1	.....	62	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	46	364	.....	410	86	280	366	...	.....	1	44	79	19	.....	209	6	29	6	... ..	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	89	384	.....	473	135	259	394	...	2	.....	79	76	10	1	227	8	94	2	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj...	16	109	.....	125	57	57	114	...	.....	.....	11	15	.....	.....	26	.....	19	3	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	209	1,296	1	1,506	356	947	1,303	1	5	1	202	270	101	2	710	30	173	52	.....	... ..	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 20 & 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	31	362	.....	393	67	292	359	..	.....	.....	34	.....	119	7	206	21	...	.. ...	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	1	32	... ..	33	4	26	30	...	.....	.....	3	.....	6	.....	19	.... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinhata	9	157	.....	166	32	120	152		.....	.....	14	... ..	18	2	105	12	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.. ...
Ditto, Mathabhanga	23	259	.....	282	54	193	247	...	.....	... ..	35	... ..	48	3	164	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	2	43	.. ...	45	9	32	41	...	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	33	5	.....	.....	.....	.. ...	.....
Total ...	66	853	.....	919	166	663	829	...	.....	.....	90	... ..	191	12	527	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	525	3,510	1	4,096	1,124	2,465	3.589	1	15	2	506	384	458	31	1,819	222	591	209	.....	.....	.....

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

26. During the year under report, I inspected the Sub-divisional offices of Tufangunj, Dinhata and Mathabhanga and duly submitted my reports to Your Highness.

Inspection.

27. Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E., Assistant Civil Judge and Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Offg. Assistant Civil Judge are old and experienced officers and they discharged their duties efficiently. Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga, Babu Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj, Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Rent suit Naib Ahilkar, Babu Pramathar Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata and Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj are also all very good officers and they discharged their duties to my entire satisfaction.

Conduct.

My Sheristadar Babu Siddessur Mullick, Head-clerk Babu Kokileswar Bhattacharjee, M.A., and Nazir, Babu Mohim Chandra Mukerjee continued to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant,
PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

COURTS.	Pending from last year	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	DISPOSED OF. Contested.	Uncontested.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	PENDING. More than six months.	More than 12 months.	Total pending.	AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES. Contested. M. D.	Uncontested. M. D.	REMARKS.
Civil Courts.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	60	142	.....	202	47	119	166	.....	9	2	36	5 12	2 22	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	8	28	.....	36	16	3	19	.....	2	.....	17	4 26	1 26	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	2	14	.....	16	8	4	12	.....	.....	.....	4	3 14	1 28	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	9	20	.....	29	19	7	26	.....	.....	.....	3	2 25	1 2	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	18	61	.....	79	35	16	51	.....	.....	1	28	4 12	1 20	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	.....	20	.....	20	5	8	13	.....	.....	.....	7	2 1	0 17	
Total ...	97	285	.....	382	130	157	287	.....	11	3	95	.....	.....	
Rent Courts.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	3	5	.....	8	2	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 4	0 28	
Sudder Rent Suit Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	7	.....	7	4	2	6	.....	.....	.....	1	1 17	1 2	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	.....	10	.....	10	4	4	8	.....	.....	.....	2	2 7	2 1	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	5	16	.....	21	17	3	20	.....	.....	.....	1	3 7	2 0	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	8	29	.....	37	16	13	29	.....	.....	.....	8	4 17	1 17	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	.....	17	.....	17	4	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2 21	0 19	
Total ...	16	84	.....	100	47	40	87	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts upto Rs. 20 and Rs. 100.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	2	14	.....	16	6	5	11	.....	.....	.....	5	1 27	1 7	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	.....	8	.....	8	3	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 5	0 24	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	3	16	.....	19	9	8	17	.....	.....	.....	2	3 2	2 3	
Ditto. Mekligunj ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
TOTAL ...	5	39	.....	44	18	19	37	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL ...	118	408	.....	526	195	216	411	.....	11	3	115	.....	.....	

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer	Total.	Disposed of.								Pending	Over six months	Over twelve months	Objections under Section 561 of Act XIV of 1882	Objections allowed.	REMARKS
					Transferred	Dismissed for default	Compromised	Modified	Reversed	Confirmed	Remanded	Total disposed of						
Civil Side	50	107	.....	157	..	.....	2	11	19	86	2	120	37	2	.....	1	1	
Ditto Miscellaneous Side ...	6	6	....	12	..	....	....	1	3	6	.....	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ..	56	113	.....	169	.....	.....	2	12	22	92	2	130	39	2	.....	1	1	
Rent Side	8	29	.	37	.....	.....	.	7	8	11	1	27	10	.....	.....	2	2	
Ditto Miscellaneous ...	2	2	..	4	....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	10	31		41	...	.....	.....	7	9	14	1	31	10	.....	.....	2	2	
Grand Total ...	66	144	.....	210	.....	.....	2	19	31	106	3	161	49	2	.....	3	3	

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT NO. 8.

Statement showing the nature of miscellaneous suits instituted and disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909

NATURE OF CASE.	CIVIL COURTS.																RENT COURTS.																SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs. 20 AND 100.																REMARKS.
	Civil Judge.		Assistant Civil Judge.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Civil Judge.		Assistant Civil Judge		Sadder Rent Suit Naib Abilkar.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Sudder.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.			
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.		
1. Application to receive and review suits.	1	4	13	10	5	5	10	9	33	25	9	6	71	59		..	5	8	3	3	7	6	11	13	22	22	15	14	63	66	9	7	1	1	4	4	13	13	..	..	27	25		
2. Claims and objections ..	...	..	13	6	9	7	9	14	21	15	11	7	63	49	..			..	4	3	..	..	4	6	5	5	2	2	15	16	5	4	...	...	4	4	3	4	..	..	12	12		
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	...	...	..	...	..		..	..	..	..	...		..	..	..	..		..	..	..		..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	..	..		
4. Pauper applications ...	2	2	..	1	..		..	1		..			2	4	..		..		..	..		..	..	...	..	...		..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	...		
5. Suits under Act VI of 1897	71	79	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	79		...	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	..		
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	55	62	...	...		...	..	..	..	..	...	..	55	62	...		..	..	..	..	...	...		...		...		..	...	...	...	...	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	...	..		
7. Probate cases.. ...	12	19	...	...		..	...	...		..	..	...	12	19	..	..	..	..	..		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..		..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..		
8. Other miscellaneous suits..	1	...	2	2	..	..	1	2	7	11	..	..	11	15	..	..		..	..	..	3	2	1	1	2	2	..	..	6	5	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-Judicial nature	28	28	..	..	3	1	1	1	7	4	1	1	40	35		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..		
TOTAL ...	170	194	28	19	17	13	21	27	68	55	21	14	325	322	..	..	5	8	7	6	10	8	16	20	29	29	17	16	84	87	14	11	1	1	8	8	16	17	..	..	39	37		

Judicial.

Total Instituted	408
Total Disposed of	411
Total Pending	115

Non-Judicial.

Total Instituted	40
Total Disposed of	35
Total Pending	5

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil & Sessions Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of the Ameen employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

NAME OF COURT	Ameen's Fees			Time employed.	Number of Ameens	CHARGES			Number of Ameen's peons	AMEEN'S PEON'S FEES			AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.			REMARKS.
	Rs	A.	P			Rs	A.	P		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	
Civil Judge	45	0	0	15 days												
Assistant Civil Judge ...	99	0	0	33 „												
Sudder Rent Suit Officers	129	0	0	43 „												
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ...	90	0	0	30 „												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ..	36	0	0	12 „												
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ...	156	0	0	52 „	1	729*	6	6	2	.....	...	...	166	0	0	* This includes Rs. 12 for contingencies.
Ditto, Do. (Rent) ...	72	0	0	24 „												
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ...	90	0	0	33 „												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	72	0	0	24 „												
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ..	99	0	0	30 „												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	75	0	0	25 „												
Total ...	963	0	0	321 days	1	729	6	6	2	.....	...	...	166	0	0	

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1908-1909.

NAME OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of processes served	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P		Rs. A. P.		
Civil Courts.						
Civil Judge's Court	1,076	911 4 0	1,062	5,831 10 5	6·12 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	2,345	2,109 0 0	2,329			
Toofangunj ditto	1,432	1,289 4 0	1,404	771 11 8	2·37 "	
Dinhata ditto	2,083	1,961 4 0	2,095	1,067 11 0	4·12 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	2,828	2,640 12 0	2,626	1,065 15 3	7·3 "	
Mekligunj ditto	1,167	1,145 12 0	1,130	816 12 8	5·17 "	
Rent Courts.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court ...				.....	.....	
Sudder Rent Suit ditto	1,864	1,350 0 0	1,736			
Toofangunj ditto	381	305 4 0	369	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	2,012	1,655 12 0	2,000	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	2,030	1,751 4 0	1,886	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	1,025	1,111 4 0	994	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,098	1,469 0 0	1,887	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	196	151 0 0	188	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	1,146	908 4 0	1,104	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,729	1,477 12 0	1,642	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	348	280 0 0	343	.....	.....	
Total ..	23,570	20,516 12 0	22,795	9,553 13 0	.....	

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil Judge.

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FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,
Registrar of Deeds, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 14th June 1909.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1908-09. The Annual Returns, I to X, are hereto appended.

2. I was incharge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year, except from the 2nd to the 25th January 1909 when I was on privilege leave and Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, B.L., Offg. Assistant Civil Judge, was incharge.

3. The following table shews the changes in the Sub-Registry offices:—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder	Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhury, B.L., Offg. Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st April to the 19th May 1908.
"	Rai Chaudhuri Mon Mohan Buxi, Sudder Sub-Registrar.	From the 20th May 1908 to the 31st March 1909.
Dinhata	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st April 1908 to the 31st March 1909.
Mathabhanga ...	" Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., Sub-Registrar	Ditto.
Mekligunj ...	" Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto.
Toofangunj ...	" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto.

4. Table No. I, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, registered during the past and previous years. The number of deeds, the registration of which was compulsory, was 6,883 against 6,646, shewing an increase of 237 deeds, and that of which the registration was optional, was 4,446 against 3,929, shewing an increase of 517 deeds.

5. The variations as regards the different kinds of documents registered during the years 1907-08 and 1908-09 are shown in Table II, hereto appended.

There was an increase of 52, 323, 26, 387, 27, 3 and 182 deeds under heads "Mortgages", "Sales", "Gifts", "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property", "Obligations for payment of money", "Wills" and "Miscellaneous," respectively, and a decrease of 246 deeds under head "Leases".

6. The increases under heads "Mortgages", "Sales", "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property" and "Obligation for payment of money" were due to the high prices of food grains and the falling off in the price of jute which obliged people to borrow money and part with their landed properties.

The increases under heads "Gifts" and "Wills" were small and call for no explanation.

The decrease under head "Leases" was due to the operations of the Sub-infuedation Act.

7. The number of deeds registered in the different offices, as shewn in Table III, is given below:—

Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	3,504
Dinhata office	2,666
Maihalbanga do.	2,377
Mekligunj do.	1,617
Tufangunj do.	1,165
Total ...	11,329

8. The Registrar of Deeds registered 22 deeds in the year under report against 12 of the previous year, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 62-12 against Rs. 16.

9. There were 24 appeals including 10 which remain pending at the close of the last year, against the orders of the Sub-Registrars. Of these, 21 were disposed of. In seven cases registration was ordered and 14 cases were dismissed. Only three cases remained pending at the close of the year.

10. The total receipts under fees, fines and other heads during the year, amounted to Rs. 11,967-5 against Rs. 10,536-1, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,431-4-0. The increase was due to the increase in the number of deeds registered.

11. The total disbursements of the Department during the year, amounted to Rs. 7,558-11-5 against Rs. 6,818-3-10, shewing an increase of Rs. 740-7-7. The increase was chiefly due to the increase in the amount of commission paid to the Sub-Registrars and to the payment of a larger amount of grain allowance to the ministerial officers than in the previous year.

12. The net gain to the State was Rs. 4,408-9-7 against Rs. 3,717-13-2, shewing an increase of Rs. 690-12-5.

13. All the Sub-Registry offices, except that of Mekligunj, were inspected by me during the year under report and the inspection reports duly submitted to Your Highness in Council.

14. All the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by fees at 25 per cent. on the total collections as usual, and they discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Registrar of Deeds, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees and fines realised on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. As. P.
1907-1908	6,646	3,929	10,575	3,825 8 0
1908-1909	6,883	4,446	11,329	11,289 8 0
Increase	237	517	754	1,464 0 0
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes registered in 1907-1908 and 1908-1909.*

YEARS	Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1907-1908	4,368	173	3,046	123	1,629	623	27	586	10,575
1908-1909	4,122	225	3,369	149	2,016	650	30	768	11,329
Increase... ...	...	52	323	26	387	27	3	182	754
Decrease ...	246	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds registered in the different offices.*

OFFICES	Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	1,478	41	987	50	479	170	8	291	3,504
Dinhata	960	22	839	24	471	176	10	164	2,666
Mathabhanga	741	48	745	34	438	195	1	175	2,377
Mekligunj	304	96	509	22	528	72	5	81	1,617
Toofanganj	639	18	289	19	100	87	6	57	1,165
TOTAL ...	4,122	225	3,369	149	2,016	650	30	768	11,329

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IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1908-1909.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.					Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, copying and searching fees &c.	Fines &c.	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	3,232 14 0	47 8 0	3,280 6 0	1,699 5 7	595 9 1	787 6 9	.....	3,082 5 5	.....	198 0 7	.....
Dinhata ...	2,741 1 0	42 8 0	2,783 9 0	577 1 11	36 14 6	684 11 9	.....	1,298 12 2	.....	1,484 12 10	.....
Mathabhanga ..	2,621 6 0	36 4 0	2,657 10 0	475 0 0	67 14 9	654 12 0	.....	1,197 10 9	.....	1,459 15 3	.....
Mekligunj ...	2,242 8 0	22 4 0	2,264 12 0	521 2 1	57 3 3	553 11 3	.....	1,132 0 7	.....	1,132 11 5	.....
Toofangunj ...	976 8 0	4 8 0	981 0 0	570 0 0	37 15 6	239 15 0	.....	847 14 6	.....	133 1 6	.....
Total ...	11,814 5 0	153 0 0	11,967 5 0	*3,842 9 7	795 9 1	2,920 8 9	.....	7,558 11 5	.....	4,408 9 7	.....

* Includes grain allowance Rs. 414-13-7.

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V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Leases.		Mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
	Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs A		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.
14	5 4	...	...	6	53 12	...	...	1	0 12	...	...	...	...	1	3 0	22	62 12

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices...	3,501	.....	3 deeds were pending registration.
Dinhata	2,662	.....	4 deeds were pending registration.
Mathabhanga	2,376	.....	1 deed was pending registration.
Mekligunj	1,617	.....	
Toofangunj	1,165	.....	

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1908-1909.

OFFICES.	Number of Deeds Registered.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	2,000	1,504	3,99,401	3,280 6 0	1,699 5 7	787 6 9	.....	595 9 1
Dinhata	1,638	1,028	2,68,936	2,783 9 0	577 1 11	684 11 9	.....	86 14 6
Mathabhanga	1,289	1,088	4,16,671	2,657 10 0	475 0 0	654 12 0	.....	67 14 9
Mekligunj	1,151	466	3,86,621	2,264 12 0	521 2 1	553 11 3	.....	57 3 3
Toofangunj	805	360	91,136	981 0 0	570 0 0	239 15 0	.....	87 15 6
TOTAL ...	6,883	4,446	15,62,765	11,967 5 0	3,842 9 7	2,920 8 9	.....	795 9 1

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VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements for the years* 1907-1908 *and* 1908-1909.

Years.	Number of Deeds Registered. Compulsory.	Optional.	Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditures.	Balance received by the State.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1907-1908 ...	6,646	3,929	10,536 1 0	3,409 4 7	2,655 0 0	753 15 3	.....	6,818 3 10	3,717 13 2
1908-1909 ...	6,883	4,446	11,967 5 0	3,842 9 7	2,920 8 9	795 9 1	.....	7,558 11 5	4,408 9 7
Increase ...	237	517	1,431 4 0	433 5 0	265 8 9	41 9 10	.....	740 7 7	690 12 5
Decrease ...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder	6	1	3	10	2	8	10	...
Dinhata	3	...	1	4	1	2	3	1
Mathabhanga ...	.....	...	5	5	2	2	4	1
Mekligunj	1	1	2	4	2	2	4	...
Toofangunj	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Total ...	10	2	12	24	7	14	21	3

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·363	·010	·297	·013	·177	·057	·002	·067

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To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 19th July 1909.

SIR

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report for the year 1908-09.

2. When the Budget for 1908-09 was originally framed, it was estimated that the revenue and expenditure would be Rs. 24,74,570 and Rs. 24,23,776, respectively, with a surplus of Rs. 50,794. But this surplus was reduced to Rs. 8,445 when the budget was revised, inspite of the revenue amounting to Rs. 25,14,569 having exceeded the original figures by Rs. 39,999. It was the expenditure that had to account for the reduction, for it appears that it exceeded the original estimate by Rs. 82,348.

3. In the preceding paragraph, it has been stated that the surplus in the revised budget was much reduced. But from the statement of actual revenue and expenditure hereto annexed, it appears that the actual surplus has stood at Rs. 35,992 or Rs. 27,547 in excess of that shewn in the revised estimate. This result would have been still more satisfactory had not the Chaklajat and the Panga estates shewn such a heavy falling off in receipts as Rs. 55,162. It may be stated here that the actual revenue came up to Rs. 25,00,925 which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 13,644 and the expenditure was Rs. 24,64,933 which was also less than the revised estimate by Rs. 41,191.

4. I shall now compare the actual revenue and expenditure with the revised estimate.

REVENUE.

5. The sub-joined statement shows the difference between the revised estimate and the actual revenue under the principal heads :—

		Revised Estimate.	Actual.	Difference.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.	Household	33,522	36,605	3,083
II.	General Revenue	15,91,600	16,12,675	21,075
III.	Law and Justice	12,040	12,580	540
IV.	Miscellaneous	53,110	57,772	4,662
V.	Debutter	1,10,000	1,12,396	2,396
VI.	His Highness the Maharajah's Estates.	5,24,297	4,69,135	−55,162
VII.	C. B. S. Railway	1,90,000	1,99,762	9,762
	Total ...	25,14,569	25,00,925	−13,644

From the above it appears that the actual revenue is less than the revised estimate by Rs. 13,644 and this decrease is due entirely to the Chaklajat and the Panga estates, shewing a short receipt of Rs. 55,162. If the Chaklajat and

the Panga figures are taken out of account, the total increase in the State revenue would amount to Rs. 41,518 which is satisfactory. I may here briefly state how the increase in the State revenue has been caused. Strictly speaking, it has been chiefly caused by the revised estimate not having been properly prepared as it will have been seen how wide was the difference between the estimate and the actual receipts. Against the estimate of Rs. 23,600 for "Interest on His Highness' Children Fund," and Rs. 922 for Sundries, Rs 25,375 and Rs. 2,695 were actually credited to account, and this excess accounts for the increase under I.—Household. The increase under Sundries was principally due to credit of sale proceeds of furniture in the Simla house. Looking at II.—General Revenue, it appears that the collection under Land Revenue exceeded the estimate by Rs. 4,357, the receipts under Stamps and Excise were Rs. 10,277 and Rs. 4,876 more than the estimates while those under Sundries were in excess of the estimate by Rs. 2,358. The III.– Law and Justice does not shew any appreciable improvements. But the increase under IV.—Miscellaneous has been satisfactory, for inspite of heavy falling off in the Public Works receipts amounting to Rs. 3,405 due to overestimate, it stands at Rs. 4,662, and this is owing to the Criminal Justice, Jail, Education and the Sundries shewing excess receipts of Rs. 380, Rs 3,246, Rs 629 and Rs. 3,812 respectively. The increase under the last head, *viz.*, Sundries, was chiefly owing to excess receipts from sale of Tobacco &c., which amounts to Rs 5,040 and to the refund of Rs. 650 by the Town Committee on account of the Town collections drawn too much by them. V.—Debutter has exceeded the estimate by Rs. 2,396. The difference under His Highness' Estates and the Cooch Behar State Railway has been explained under paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this report.

EXPENDITURE.

6. The following comparative statement shews the difference between the revised estimate and the actual expenditure under the major heads of the budget:—

	Revised estimate.	Actual.	Difference.
	Rs	Rs.	Rs.
I. Household Expenses ...	8,99,662	8,96,889	—2,773
II. Administration ...	10,50,268	10,20,451	—29,817
III. Debuttar	61,009	59,964	—1,045
IV. His Highness the Maharajah's Estates.	3,02,685	3,00,165	—2,520
V. C. B. S. Railway ...	87,030	81,994	—5,036
VI. Reserve Fund ...	50,000	50,000	.....
Railway Capital Expenditure	5,470	5,470	.....
Railway Conversion ...	50,000	50,000	.....
Total ...	25,06,124	24,64,933	41,191

The total saving in the actual expenditure, as compared with the revised estimate, amounts to Rs 41,191. This has been due to defect in the preparation of the revised budget. If this saving had not been caused, the result of the year would have been a deficit.

7. Some of the principal items of expenditure are recorded here:—

His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur had for his personal expenses 5 lakhs of rupees; of this amount Rs. 42,000 was for the adjustment of the Treasury advances. The eldest Maharajkumar had drawn Rs. 54,000 or Rs 6,000 more than the amount allotted for his expenses; this additional amount was required to meet his tour expenses. Rs 8,500 was

paid for Silver dinner set and Rs. 15,302 charge to "Furlough and Leave allowances." The "Unforseen charges" shews an expenditure of Rs. 33,344 which includes Rs. 15,000 required for meeting the expenses in connection with the illness of Maharajkumari, Rs. 6,892 was charged to "Profit and Loss" in writting off the advances against Mr. N. C. Sen, Kumar Jotindra Narayan and Babu Kedar Nath Majumdar. For "Raw materials for Jail Manufacture" Rs. 14,795 was expended. Rs. 17,726 was debited to "Agriculture" (Tobacco cultivation &c.) and Rs, 9,035 to "Bonus and Compensation Allowance" while for Silver Singhasan &c., Rs. 13,296 was paid.

8. The subjoined statement shews the fluctuations between the original figures, the revised and the actual figures for the year under report:—

	Original. Rs.	Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
I. HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES—			
(a) His Highness' personal expenses ...	4,50,000	5,00,000	5,00,000
(b) Maintenance of Rajgans and education to Maharajkumars	1,70,009	1,78,512	1,78,322
(c) Philkhana	15,104	15,119	14,635
(d) Band	38,000	38,000	36,032
(e) Miscellaneous	1,51,968	1,68,031	1,67,900
II. ADMINISTRATION—			
1. Control	75,643	82,285	79,010
2. General	3,46,353	4,37,089	3,41,670
Public Works	1,76,779	78,294	1,58,479
State grant to Communication Improvement Fund	54,305	55,688	55,866
3. Revenue	2,04,029	2,03,293	1,97,795
4. Law and Justice	56,279	58,045	56,814
5. Miscellaneous	1,44,747	1,35,574	1,30,817
III. DEBUTTER	61,372	61,009	59,964
IV. HIS HIGHNESS' ESTATES—			
(a) Darjeeling Estates	26,284	25,643	25,643
(b) Chaklajat Estates	2,49,937	2,50,140	2,47,948
(c) Panga Estates	25,452	26,902	26,574
V. COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY	72,045	87,030	81,994
VI. RESERVE FUND	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total ...	23,68,306	24,50,654	24,09,463
Cooch Behar State Railway Capital Expenditure ...	5,470	5,470	5,470
Cooch Behar State Railway Conversion ...	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total ...	24,23,776	25,06,124	24,64,933

9. *Public Works Department.*—The following statement shews the actual expenditure of the department for the year under report as also that as estimated in the original and the revised budgets. The actual expenditure as compared with the revised estimate was less by Rs. 3,689.

	Original Estimate. Rs.	Revised Estimate. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
Original Works	60,785	48,914	48,756
Repairs	33,225	32,727	31,688
Tools and Plant	2,500	1,900	1,691
Establishment	30,690	27,844	27,817
Maintaining State Carts	6,500	6,500	6,487
Profit and Loss	.....	40	40
Woodlands	19,008	22,778	22,062
Colinton	16,571	21,691	20,164
Total ...	1,69,279	1,62,394	1,58,705

When the total actual expenditure as above is compared with the figures in the Treasury account under the head Public Works, *vide* statement in paragraph 8 of this report, a difference of Rs. 226 will appear. How that difference has been caused is explained by the following statement:—

	Rs.
Amount debited in the Treasury account	1,58,479
Deduct cheque for 1907-08 cashed in 1908-09	10
	1,58,469
Add cheques for 1908-09 not cashed before 31st March 1909	200
	1,58,669

Rupees 1,58,669 was the amount for which the department had issued cheques and which, but for the above causes, would also have appeared in the Treasury account. And although the department had issued cheques for Rs. 1,58,669, the actual expenditure appears to be in excess by Rs. 36 which was met from the amouts credited to Suspense accounts.

Some of the original works which were either commenced or completed are mentioned below with the amounts expended on each of them during the year under report:—

	Rs.
Additions to Mathabhanga Higher English School	2,185
Corrugated Iron roof for the Superintendent of Pilkhana's Bungalow	2,789
Corrugated Iron root for the Supervisor of Boarding's Bungalow.	1,809
C. I. R. houses for the Subadar Major and Jamadar ...	1,940
Debuttar Godown	1,668
Rajmata Hospital	4,194
Palace gate and fence	13,297
Second storey to servants' quarters at Woodlands	6,949
Extra works to Woodlands	2,675
Diversion road at Colinton	6,235
Second storey to Lansdowne	6,956

10. *Darjeeling Estate.*—The receipts of this estate amounted to Rs. 65,459 and the expenditure Rs. 25,643, the details of the latter are given below:—

	Rs.
Original Works	1,657
Electric Light	164
Establishment	2,252
Repairs &c.	6,311
Taxes	6,777
New furniture	4,591
Location rent	275
Contingencies	594
Unforeseen	1,022
Insurance Fund	2,000
Total ...	25,643

The amount expended on Original Works was chiefly for the construction of drains.

The cash balance of the estate on 31st December 1908 was Rs. 38,281 and the unadjusted advances on the same date was Rs. 366, while the unrealized rent was Rs. 3,274.

During the year Rs. 3,944 only was remitted to the Cooch Behar Treasury out of the income of the estate; a larger amount was not sent through oversight.

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11. *Chaklajat Estate.*—The collection of this estate which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 53,238, amounted to Rs. 3,74,365. This falling off in the collection is due to the effects of a bad year on account of partial failure of crops. The expenditure amounting to Rs. 2,47,948 was less than the estimate by Rs. 2,192. The details of expenditure under the principal heads of the budget are given below as compared with the revised estimate:—

	Revised estimate.	Actual.	Difference.
Revenue payable	1,69,735	1,69,680	— 55
Management	61,644	60,058	— 1,586
Miscellaneous	9,668	9,297	— 371
Debutter	9,093	8,913	— 180
Total ...	2,50,140	2,47,948	— 2,192

For Public Works Rs. 8,580 was spent, the details of which are given below:—

	Rs.
Original Works	3,754
Repairs	3,779
Establishment	1,047
Total ...	8,580

Some of the Original Works which were completed during the year are mentioned below:—

	Rs.
Corrugated iron roofed Sub-kutchary at Bherbheria	1,086
Ditto ditto Titalya	853
Thakurghar at Purbabhag	349

Besides the above, Rs. 1,400 was paid as subscription towards the construction of a building for the Higher English School at Devigunj.

The accounts of the estate were closed with a cash balance of Rs. 1,39,225 on the 31st March 1909 which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 5,538

During the year under report the estate remitted to the Cooch Behar Treasury Rs. 1,36,435 out of its income.

12. *Panga Estate.*—The actual collection of this estate amounted to Rs. 29,311 which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 1,924, while the exenditure was Rs. 26,574 or Rs. 328 less than the estimate.

For the Settlement operation Rs. 6,419 was spent during the year or Rs. 66,478 from the commencement of the operation. For Public Works Rs. 456 was spent.

The following statement will shew the expenditure as compared with the revised estimate:—

	Revised estimate. Rs.	Actual. Rs.	Difference. Rs.
Revenue payable	12,255	12,454	199
Management	12,866	12,514	— 352
Miscellaneous	1,781	1,606	— 175
Total ...	26,902	26,574	— 328

13. *Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The gross earnings of the Railway amounted to Rs. 1,99,762 which was better than the revised estimate by Rs. 9,762. The expenditure was Rs. 81,994 which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 5,036. This decrease in the expenditure was due to certain figures twice provided in the revised budget through oversight. During the year Rs. 442 was charged to Revenue on account of repairs to flood damages though there was no provision for the same in the Revenue Budget. This amount together with Rs. 35,060 charged in the accounts of previous years, will be transferred as intimated by the Examiner of Accounts to debit of Capital account, the credit being shewn in the Supplementary Revenue Account for March 1909. As the latter account was not received in this office

before the close of the books, the figures thereof would appear in the accounts for 1909-10.

The details of receipts and expenditure are given below :—

RECEIPTS.—

Gross Earnings.—

	Rs.
Coaching traffic	98,335
Goods Traffic.—	
Ordinary	1,00,198
Stone traffic	400
Electric telegraph earnings	519
Sundries	310
Total ...	1,99,762

EXPENDITURE.—

Working expenses at 40 per cent. on ordinary traffic earnings	79,745
Ditto at 45 and 40 per cent. on stone traffic earnings	169
Police charges	2,163
Rent for Police quarters	110
Chowkidars for the Torsa Bridge	−635
Repairs to flood damages	442
Total ...	81,994

The minus figure under "Chowkidars for Torsa Bridge" was on account of the adjustment of the amount which was wrongly charged to the Cooch Behar State Railway.

The net earnings of the Railway which was a little over 7 per cent. of the amount charged to Capital expenditure, stood at Rs. 1,17,768.

14. *Communication Improvement Fund.*—The fund received Rs. 50,000 as the State grant, Rs 1,877 from cess on Mukrari land, Rs 3,989 from tolls on bridges, in all Rs 55,866. With this money the following expenditure was met :—

	Rs.
Original Works	13,438
Repairs	28,583
Contingencies	992
Inspection Bungalow Establishment ...	880
Repayment of loans	2,223
Total ...	46,116

Some of the original works which were taken in hand are mentioned below with the amount charged against each of them :—

	Rs.
Constructing roads and bridges at Dewangunj	2,738
Permanent bridges on Rungpur road	5,175
Ditto. on Kakina road	3,071
Two bridges on Manabari road	2,069

The cash balance of the Fund on the 31st March 1909 was Rs 12,532.

15. *Fund for His Highness' Children.*—The State grant to this Fund was Rs 1,00,000. The total investment in Government and other securities amounted to Rs 7,95,100 at the close of last year. The cash balance of the Fund on the 31st March 1909 was Rs 138.

16. *Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund.*—During the year under report Rs 2,000 was paid out of the income of the Darjeeling Estate towards the above Fund. The total amount held by this Fund in Government securities on 31st March 1909 was Rs 14,900. The cash balance at the close of last year was Rs 1,997.

17. *Railway Capital Expenditure.*—During the year under report Rs 5,470 was placed at the disposal of the Manager for meeting expenditure in connection with the capital works. This amount together with the balance at credit of the State on the 1st April 1908 amounting to Rs 27,996 having heen found insufficient, Rs 23,000 out of Rs 50,000 paid last year for the conversion of the Railway was transferred by the Manager to the above account. As the intimation of the transfer was received in this office after the sanction of the budget, the transfer could not be effected last year but it will be done in the current year. The total amount paid by the State to end of last year for the original line exclusive of Rs. 23,000 transferred by the Manager as alluded to above, was Rs. 15,12,285. From the Railway account it appears that Rs. 15,38,764 had been expended on the original line inclusive of the amount charged for stores or Rs. 26,479 in excess of the amount paid by the State.

The following allotments for capital works were made for the year 1908-09:—

	Rs.
Converting two Kaunia-Dharla Railway platform trucks into timber trucks.	384
Fire equipments at Cooch Behar Station	100
Repairs to flood damages	39,900
Alteration to Permanent-way Inspector's quarters at Cooch Behar and filling of borrow pits.	2,251
Two unit staff qurters at Bhetaguri	1,300
Reserve for unforeseen works	65
Total ...	44,000

As the final accounts have not been received, it cannot be stated at what costs the above works were completed.

18. *Railway Conversion.*—Rupees 50,000 was paid during the year of report against 2 lacs of rupees in 1907-08. Of this sum of 2½ lacs of rupees, an account for Rs. 24,740 was rendered to end of last year.

19. *Reserve Fund.*—Rupees 50,000 was paid by the State towards this Fund which was invested in Government Securities. The total of the investments at the close of the last year amounted to Rs. 3,04,100. The cash balance of the Fund on the 31st March 1909 was Rs. 76.

20. *Loan to Local shop-keepers and others.*—During the year under report Rs. 14,121 was granted as loan, while Rs. 19,229 was recovered from the debtors exclusive of interest which amounted to Rs. 1,307. The balance of the loan account on the 31st March 1909 amounted to Rs. 44,385.

21. *Chaklajat Estate Loan Account.*—No fresh loan was granted during the year of report. Rs. 1,000 was recovered from the debtors and the balance of this account on 31st March 1909 was Rs. 45,773.

22. *Pound Fund.*—The receipts and expenditure of this Fund were Rs. 14,353 and Rs. 7,826 respectively. The cash balance on the 31st March 1909 was Rs. 16,415 besides Government papers to the value of Rs. 15,000 have been standing in the name of the Fund.

23. *Village Choukidary Fund.*—The receipts and expenditure of this Fund amounted to Rs. 9,748 and Rs. 2,821 respectively. The cash balance at the close of last year was Rs. 21,768 besides Government papers to the value of Rs. 20,000.

24. *Municipality.*—The following statement shews the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees of the State during the year under report:—

RECEIPTS.	Cooch Behar.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Baldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cash balance on 1st April 1908...	5,791	538	1,876	509
State grant	21,090	1,748	2,142	2,086
Other receipts	15,949	5,399	2,188	4,347
Total ...	42,830	7,685	5,706	6,942
EXPENDITURE—				
Public Works	10,274	3,786	1,037	3,559
Other Expenditure	23,830	3,428	3,884	2,292
Total ..	34,104	7,214	4,921	5,851
Balance on 31st March 1909 ...	8,726	471	785	1,091

25. *Cash Balance.*—When the revised estimate was framed the year closed with a cash balance of Rs. 12,05,751 which was less than the amount estimated in the original budget by Rs. 30,056. This reduction was due to increase in expenditure. But the actual cash balance on 31st March 1909 amounting to Rs. 12,73,137 exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 67,386. From the statement below it will appear that the State cash balance exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 6,284 and this result was due to increase in revenue and savings in expenditure.

	Revised estimate.	Actual.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	7,48,181	7,54,465	6,284
Chaklajat Estates	1,44,763	1,29,717	–15,046
Funds and Deposits	2,00,977	2,90,724	89,747
Government of Bengal	1,11,830	98,231	–13,599
Total ...	12,05,751	12,73,137	67,386

26. In the foregoing paragraphs, I have compared the actual figures with those in the revised estimate. I shall now compare the actual revenue and expenditure for 1908-09 with those for 1907-08.

REVENUE.

27. The subjoined statement shews the difference between the actual revenue for 1908-09 and that for 1907-08.

		1908-09	1907-08.	Difference.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.	Household	36,605	34,563	2,042
II.	General Revenue	16,12,675	15,89,367	23,308
III.	Law and Justice	12,580	11,635	945
IV.	Miscellaneous	57,772	48,853	8,919
V.	Debutter	1,12,396	1,12,303	93
VI.	His Higness the Maharaja's Estates	4,69,135	5,26,580	57,445
VII.	Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,99,762	1,81,221	18,541
	Railway Capital	.....	77,000	77,000
	Total ...	25,00,925	25,81,522	80,597

28. The total revenue for the year under report shews a decrease of Rs. 80,597 when compared with that of the preceding year. But this large decrease has not been caused by the actual falling off in State revenue: it has been due to the fact that in the year 1907-08 the depreciated value of the rolling stock amounting to Rs. 77,000 was shown in the account and also to the heavy falling off in the Chaklajat and Panga Estates receipts amounting to Rs. 54,936. If Rs. 77,000 be taken out of account, the revenue of the year will shew a small decrease of Rs. 3,597 over that of the preceding year.

I may now briefly explain the cause of the difference under each head in the above statement.

I. *Household.*—The increase under this head is principally due to excess receipts on account of interest on Government papers, invested out of His Highness' Children Fund for it appears that Rs. 25,375 was realized in 1908-09 against Rs. 23,606 in 1907-08. The total increase of Rs. 23,308 under II. General Revenue is due to exceptionally good receipts under the heads Land Revenue, Stamps and Excise which amounted to Rs. 23,429 in all. Against this increase, there was a falling off to the extent of Rs. 121 under the head Sundries which was due to smaller amount having been credited to the head Lapsed Deposits. III. Law and Justice shews an increase of Rs. 945 which is due to better collection of fees from registration of documents. The increase of Rs. 8,919 under IV. Miscellaneous is due to excess receipts under the heads Criminal Justice, Jail, Public Works and Sundries which amounted Rs. 11,673 in all while the Education shews short receipts of Rs. 2,754 due ncipally to the falling off in the number of students in the Victoria College. Debutter shews a nominal increase. I have dealt with His Highness' tates and the Cooch Behar State Railway in paragraphs 34 to 37 of this port.

EXPENDITURE.

29. The following is a comparative statement of the figures of the year under report and of those of the last year under the principal heads:—

	1908-09.	1907-08.	Difference.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Household	8,96,889	9,55,989	– 59,100
II. Administration	10,20,451	9,51,061	69,390
III. Debutter	59,964	50,160	9,804
IV. His Highness the Maharaja's Estates	3,00,165	3,11,411	– 11,246
V. Cooch Behar State Railway ...	81,994	80,232	1,762
VI. Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....
Total ...	24,09,463	23,98,853	10,610
Railway Capital expenditure ...	5,470	94,530	– 89,060
Railway Conversion	50,000	.....	50,000
Total ...	24,64,933	24,93,383	28,450

The total increase in 1908-09 over the figures for 1907-08, exclusive of the extraordinary expenditure under Railway Capital and Railway conversion, amounted to Rs 10,610 only. The exact cause of this increase which is small cannot be ascertained since there have been many increases and decreases under the minor heads of accounts. If the statement No. IV appended to this report is referred to, increases under certain principal heads will appear but these increases are in many cases due to splitting of budget heads and to transfer of provision from one major head to another in the year of report.

30. The following statement shews some of the expenditure which have exceeded those of the previous year:—

	1907-08.	1908-09.	Increase.
His Highness the Maharaja's personal expenses.	4,89,000	5,00,000	11,000
Maharajkumar Raj Rajendra Narayan	49,300	54,000	4,700
Unforeseen	28,277	33,344	5,067
Furlough and leave allowances ...	7,942	15,302	7,360
Higher Education	51,232	60,734	9,502
Primary Education	32,336	41,538	9,202
Raw materials for Jail manufacture ...	11,170	14,795	3,625
Executive Police Force	37,136	39,895	2,759
Men and Sepoys	22,949	27,057	4,108
Transit charges for Cash remittance ...	604	2,087	1,483
Pensions	39,113	43,582	4,469
Repayment of Lapsed deposits ...	6,048	6,565	517
Shooting Camps	9,988	13,952	3,964
Civil Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon and Hospital Assistant.	21,169	27,356	6,187
Public Works Department Communication Improvement Fund.	53,811	55,865	2,054

42. *Cash Balance.*—The cash balance on 31st March 1909 amounted to Rs. 12,73,137 against Rs. 11,94,000 on the same date in 1908, shewing an increase of Rs. 79,137. The details of the balance for the two years are given below :—

	1907-08.	1908-09.	Difference.
Cooch Behar State	7,48,636	7,54,465	5,829
Chaklajat Estate	1,44,763	1,29,717	– 15,046
Deposits and Funds	1,88,771	2,90,724	1,01,953
Government of Bengal	1,11,830	98,231	– 13,599
Total ...	11,94,000	12,73,137	79,137

It may be noted here that in the year 1907-08 one lac of rupees was invested in Government papers, while no such investment was made in the year of report. The increase of Rs. 5,829 would have been much greater if the Chaklajat Estate had remitted the full amount provided in the budget, for it appears that against Rs. 1,84,456, Rs. 1,36,435 only was sent.

43. *Remarks on the works of the Department.*—All the assistants worked to my satisfaction.

44. *Returns.*—The Statement No. I shews the Revenue and Expenditure, No. II receipts and disbursements, No. III the actual ledger balances on the 31st March 1909, No. IV the actuals for 1907-08 and 1908-09 ; all these are appended hereto for reference.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

AMRITA LAL SEN,

Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

REVENUE.	Revised Estimates for 1908-09.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household ...	33,522	36,605	3,083	.....
II.—General Revenue—				
a. Land Revenue ...	12,82,700	12,87,057	4,357	.....
b. Stamps ...	1,70,800	1,81,077	10,277	.....
c. Excise ...	1,27,500	1,32,376	4,876	.....
d. Interest on Loans ...	2,100	1,307	.....	793
e. Sundries ...	8,500	10,858	2,358	.....
III.—Law and Justice—				
a. Civil & Sessions Court ...	400	438	38	.....
b. Registration ...	11,640	12,142	502	.....
IV.—Miscellaneous—				
a. Criminal Justice ...	6,500	6,880	380	.....
b. Jail ...	15,401	18,647	3,246	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	11,082	11,711	629	.....
d. Public Works ...	12,500	9,095	.....	3,405
e. Sundries ...	7,627	11,439	3,812	.....
V.—Debutter ...	1,10,000	1,12,396	2,396	.....
VI.—His Highness' Estates—				.....
a. Darjeeling Estates ...	65,459	65,459	.....	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates ...	4,27,603	3,74,365	.....	53,238
c. Panga Estates ...	31,235	29,311	.....	1,924
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,90,000	1,99,762	9,762	.....
Total ...	25,14,569	25,00,925	.....	13,644

EXPENDITURE.	Revised Estimates for 1908-09.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—*Household Expenses.*				
a. His Highness' Personal expenses ...	5,00,000	5,00,000	.....	.....
b. Maintenance of Rajgans and education of Maharajkumars.	1,78,512	1,78,322	.....	190
c. Philkhana ...	15,119	14,635	.....	484
d. Band ...	38,000	36,032	.....	1,968
e. Miscellaneous ...	1,68,031	1,67,900	.....	131
Total Household expenses ...	8,99,662	8,96,889	.....	2,773
II.—*Administration—*				
1. Control ...	82,285	79,010	.....	3,275
2. General ...	5,71,071	5,56,015	.....	15,056
3. Revenue ...	2,03,293	1,97,795	.....	5,498
4. Law and Justice ...	58,045	56,814	.....	1,231
5. Miscellaneous ...	1,35,574	1,30,817	.....	4,757
III.—*Debutter* ...	61,009	59,964	.....	1,045
IV.—*His Highness' Estates—*				
a. Darjeeling Estates ...	25,643	25,643	.....	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates ...	2,50,140	2,47,948	.....	2,192
c. Panga Estates ...	26,902	26,574	.....	328
V.—*Cooch Behar State Railway* ...	87,030	81,994	.....	5,036
VI.—*Reserve Fund* ...	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	24,50,654	24,09,463	.....	41,191
Railway Capital Expenditure ...	5,470	5,470	.....	.....
Railway Conversion ...	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	25,06,124	24,64,933	.....	41,191
Surplus ...	8,445	35,992	27,547	.....
Grand Total ...	25,14,569	25,00,925	.....	13,644

His Highness' Office, Audit Department.

AMRITA LAL SEN,
Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

II.—Statement shewing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Cooch Behar State for the year ending 31st March 1909.

RECEIPTS.	Revised Estimate for 1908-1909.	Actuals for 1908-1909.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Cash balance	11,94,000	11,94,000	.....	.....
State Revenue	25,14,569	25,00,925	.....	13,644
Government of Bengal	6,00,000	11,23,311	5,23,311	.....
Personal Accounts.				
Local Shop-keepers and others ...	9,000	19,229	10,229	.....
Chaklajat Loan Account	2,660	1,000	.....	1,660
Capital Account.				
Cooch Behar State Ry. Capital Account	.....	.....	.....	.....
Local Funds.				
His Highness' children Fund... ...	1,00,000	1,00,935	935	.....
Reserve Fund	50,000	50,071	71	.....
Communication Improvement Fund ...	55,688	64,753	9,065	.....
Contribution Works, P. W. D. ...	.....	4,000	4,000	.....
Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund ...	2,000	3,943	1,943	.....
Village Chaukidari Fund	6,000	9,748	3,748	.....
Pound Fund	9,600	14,353	4,753	.....
Temple Scholarship Fund	39	36	.....	3
Vidyasagar Memorial Fund	52	380	328	.....
Sunity College and school Fund ...	.....	2,705	2,705	.....
Cooch Behar Town Committee ...	36,953	37,039	86	.....
Dinhata Town Committee	7,072	7,147	75	.....
Mathabhanga Town Committee ...	4,232	4,330	98	.....
Haldibari Town Committee	6,392	6,433	41	.....
Deposits.				
Cooch Behar State Revenue deposit ...	40,000	52,851	12,851	.....
Chaklajat Estate " " ...	1,00,000	83,752	.....	16,248
Cooch Behar State General deposit ...	40,400	54,895	14,495	.....
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	.....	547	547	.....
Judicial deposits	40,700	24,745	.....	15,955
Advances Recoverable.				
Cooch Behar State Advances recoverable	1,42,000	95,930	.....	46,070
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	40,000	10,545	.....	29,455
Cooch Behar State Permanent Advance...	440	440	.....	.....
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	100	.....	.....	100
Bullion and Suspense Accounts.				
Bullion account	.....	.....	.....	.....
Suspense account	.....	63,443	63,443	.....
Remittance Account.				
Miscellaneous Cash Remittance ...	1,84,456	1,75,948	.....	8,508
Miscellaneous Accounts.				
Darjeeling Estate Cash Account ...	65,459	35,346	.....	30,113
Examiner of Accounts, E. B. S. Railway...	1,90,000	1,96,828	6,828	.....
Purchase of Government paper ...	.....	12,373	12,373	.....
Manager, Darjeeling Estates ...	.....	17,366	17,366	.....
Total ...	54,41,812	59,69,347	5,27,535	.....

DISBURSEMENTS.	Revised Estimate for 1908-1909	Actuals for 1908-1909.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
State Expenditure	24,50,654	24,09,463	.....	41,191
Government of Bengal	6,00,000	11,36,910	5,36,910	.....
Personal Accounts				
Local Shop-keepers and others ...	10,500	14,121	3,621	.....
Chaklajat. Loan Account	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital Account.				
Cooch Behar State Ry. Capital Account	5,470	5,470	.....	.....
Darjeeling Estate Capital Account ...	.....	17,366	17,366	.....
Local Funds.				
His Highness' children Fund ...	1,00,000	1,00,820	820	.....
Reserve Fund	50,000	50,900	900	.....
Communication Improvement Fund ...	54,463	54,557	94	.....
Contribution Works, P. W. D.	.....	6,633	6,633	.....
Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund ...	2,000	2,000	.....	.....
Village Chaukidari Fund	4,660	2,821	.....	1,839
Pound Fund	7,231	7,826	595	.....
Temple scholarship Fund	36	6	.....	30
Vidyasagar Memorial Fund ...	50	.....	.....	50
Sunity College and School Fund ...	.....	1,489	1,489	.....
Cooch Behar Town Committee ...	37,462	34,104	.....	3,358
Dinhata Town Committee	7,855	7,214	.....	641
Mathabhanga Town Committee ...	5,465	4,921	.....	544
Haldibari Town Committee ...	6,600	5,851	.....	749
Deposits.				
Cooch Behar State Revenue deposit ...	30,000	45,953	15,953	.....
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	1,00,000	83,221	.....	16,779
Cooch Behar State General deposit ...	40,400	33,787	.....	6,613
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	.....	1,227	1,227	.....
Judicial deposits	40,700	25,386	.....	15,314
Advances Recoverable.				
Cooch Behar State Advances recoverable	1,17,000	1,01,144	.....	15,856
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	40,000	19,374	.....	20,626
Cooch Behar State Permanent Advances	500	500	.....	.....
Chaklajat Estate ditto ...	100	.....	.....	100
Bullion and Suspense Accounts.				
Bullion Account	.....	2	2	.....
Suspense Account	.....	63,469	63,469	.....
Remittance Account.				
Miscellaneous Cash Remittance ...	1,84,456	1,40,378	.....	44,078
Miscellaneous Accounts.				
Darjeeling Estate Cash Account ...	1,00,459	69,535	.....	30,924
Examiner of Accounts, E.B.S. Railway..	1,90,000	1,99,762	9,762	.....
Conversion of Railway	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	42,36,061	46,96,210	4,60,149	.....
Cash Balance ...	12,05,751	12,73,137	67,386	.....
Grand Total ...	54,41,812	59,69,347	5,27,535	.....

His Highness' Office, Audit Department.

AMRITA LAL SEN,
Acting Accountant General.

LIABILITIES.	Amount due by the State. Rs.	A.	P.
To Government of Bengal	98,231	5	7
„ His Highness' Children Fund	138	2	9
„ Reserve Fund	76	2	3
„ Communication Improvement Fund	12.532	2	11
„ Contribution works, P. W. D.	6,111	6	11
„ Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund	1,997	6	1
„ Village Chaukidari Fund	21,767	8	8
„ Pound Fund	16,415	7	0
„ Temple Scholarship Fund	119	2	4
„ Vidyasagar Memorial Fund	398	6	4
„ Sunity College and School Fund	1,215	13	9
„ Town Committee, Sudder	8,726	0	9
„ Dinhata Town Committee	470	11	6
„ Mathabhanga Town Committee	785	1	6
„ Haldibari Town Committee	1.090	14	2
„ Cooch Behar State Revenue Deposits	76.812	4	6
„ Cooch Behar State General Deposits	71,119	7	0
„ Cooch Behar State Judicial Deposits (Civil)	10,200	9	0
„ Cooch Behar State Judicial Deposits (Criminal)	1,051	10	11
„ Chaklajat Estate Revenue Deposits	6.554	7	8
„ Chaklajat Estate General Deposits	2.953	2	1
„ Bullion Account	1,516	5	7
„ Miscellaneous Cash remittance	36.232	5	2
„ Purchase of Government paper	12,438	13	9
„ Cooch Behar State	39,63,179	12	4
TOTAL Rs.	43,52,134	10	6

ASSETS	Amount due to the State. Rs.	A.	P.
By Cooch Behar Treasury	11,33.913	3	0
„ Chaklajat Treasury	1,39.224	10	5
„ Local Shop-keepers and others	44,384	12	2
„ Chaklajat Loan Account	45,772	15	2
„ Cooch Behar State Railway Capital Account	17,2),861	3	5
„ Darjeeling Estate Capital Account	8,04,775	0	3
„ Cooch Behar State Advances Recoverable	90,080	8	3
„ Cooch Behar State Permanent Advance	8,780	0	0
„ Darjeeling Estate Advances Recoverable	3,042	5	8
„ Chaklajat Estate Advances ditto	40,637	9	1
„ Chaklajat Estate Permanent Advance	866	5	4
„ Suspense Account	262	9	4
„ Darjeeling Cash Account	38,280	9	3
„ Examiner of Accounts. Eastern Bengal State Railway	31,252	15	2
„ Conversion, Cooch Behar State Railway	2,50,000	0	0
TOTAL Rs.	43,52,134	10	6

IV.—*Statement shewing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the years 1907-08 and 1908-09.*

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household.—	34,563	36,605	2,042	.....
II.—General Revenue.—				
a. Land Revenue	12,80,568	12,87,057	6,489	.....
b. Stamps	1,73,462	1,81,077	7,615	.....
c. Excise.	1,23,282	1,32,376	9,094	.....
d. Interest on Loans	1,076	1,307	231	.....
e. Sundries	10,979	10,858	.....	121
III.—Law and Justice —				
a. Civil and Sessions Court	724	438	.....	286
b. Registration	10,911	12,142	1,231	.....
IV.—Miscellaneous.				
a. Criminal Justice	6,303	6,880	577	.....
b. Jail	16,225	18,647	2,422	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	14,465	11,711	.....	2,754
d. Public Works...	8,014	9,095	1,081	.....
e. Sundries.	3,846	11,439	7,593	.....
V.—Debutter.	1,12,303	1,12,396	93	.....
VI.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	67,968	65,459	.....	2,509
b. Chaklajat Estates	4,34,797	3,74,365	.....	60,432
c. Panga Estates	23,815	29,311	5,496	.....
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,81,221	1,99,762	18,541	.....
Total ...	25,04,522	25,00,925	.....	3,597
Railway Capital account	77,000	.....	.....	77,000
Grand total ...	25,81,522	25,00,925	.....	80,597

EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1907-08.	Actuals for 1908-09.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Household Expenses.—				
a. His Highness' Personal expenses ...	4,89,000	5,00,000	11,000	.....
b. Rajbari garden, &c.	5,986	.....	.....	5,986
Total of strictly Personal expenses ...	4,94,986	5,00,000	5,014	.....
c. Maintenance of Rajgans and education of Maharajkumars.	1,84,409	1,78,322	.....	6,087
d. Philkhana and stables	35,561	14,635	.....	20,926
e. Band	36,210	36,032	.....	178
f. Miscellaneous...	2,04,823	1,67,900	.....	36,923
Total Household expenses ...	9,55,989	8,96,889	.....	59,100
II.—Administration.—				
1. Control	85,348	79,010	.....	6,338
2. General	5,29,363	5,56,015	26,652	.....
3. Revenue	2,00,727	1,97,795	.....	2,932
4. Law and Justice	54,106	56,814	2,708	.....
5. Miscellaneous...	81,517	1,30,817	49,300	.....
III.—Debutter	50,160	59,964	9,804	.....
IV.—His Highness' Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates	38,283	25,643	.....	12,640
b. Chaklajat Estates	2,48,206	2,47,948	.....	258
c. Panga Estates	24,922	26,574	1,652	.....
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	80,232	81,994	1,762	.....
VI.—Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
Total ...	23,98,853	24,09,463	10,610	.....
Railway Capital Expenditure	94,530	5,470	.....	89,060
Railway Conversion	.....	50,000	50,000	.....
Total ...	24,93,383	24,64,933	.....	28,450
Surplus ...	88,139	35,992	.....	52,147
Grand total ...	25,81,522	25,00,925	.....	80,597

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